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HENRICI OCTAVI.

ENRY THE
VIII. BY THE GRACE
OF GOD KYNG OF ENGLAND

AND OF FRAVNCÉ, DEFENDER
of the fayth, Lord of Irelande, and in earth supreme hed
immediately vnder Christ of the church of England to
the honour of almighty God, conseruacion of the true
doctrine of Christes religion, and for the concord quiet
and vvelth of this his realme and subiectes of the same,
helde his moste high courte of Parliament, begunne at

V Westm̄ the .xxviii. day of Aprill, and there

continued till the .xxviii. day of Iune,

the .xxxix. yere of his most noble

and victorious reigne, vwhere

in vvere establyshed

these actes folo-

vvinge.



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common. Capitulo primo.



Po: as muche as by the common lawes of this realme dy-
uers of the kynges subiectes, beyng seyled of maners lan-
des tenementes and hereditamentes, as ioynt tenauntes,
o: as tenauntes in common, with other of any estate of inhe-
ritaunce, in their owne rightes, o: in the righte of their wy-
ues, by purchase descent o: otherwyle, and euery of them so
beyng ioynt tenauntes, o: tenauntes in common, haue like ryght title in-
terest and possession in the same maners landes tenementes and heredita-
mentes fo: their partes o: porcions iointly o: in comen vndeuidedly togi-
ther with other, and none of them by the lawe doeth o: make knowe their se-
uerall partes o: porcions in the same, o: that that is his o: theirs by it selfe
vndeuided: and can not by the lawes of this realme other wyle occupie o:
take the p:ofites of the same, o: make any seuerance deuision o: particion
therof, without other of their mutuall assentes & consentes: by reason wher-
of diuers and many of them, beyng so ioyntely and vndeuidedly seyled of
the said maners landes tenementes and hereditametes, oft tymes of their
peruers couetous and malicious myndes and willes, against all right, iu-
stice equitee, and good conscience, by strength & power, haue not only cutte
and fallen downe all the woodes and trees growing vpon the same, but al-
so haue extirped subuerted pulled downe, and destroyed al the houses edifi-
cions, and buildynges, medowes pastures, commens, and the holle com-
moditees of the same, and haue taken and conuerted the to their owne bles-
and behofes, to the open wronge and disherison, and against the myndes &
willes of other, holding the same maners landes tenementes and heredita-
mentes ioyntly o: in comon with them, and they haue bene alwayes with-
out assured remedy fo: the same. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our
most d:ad soueraine lo:de, and by thassent of his lo:des spirituall and tem-
porall, and by the comons in this p:esent parlyament assembled, that all
ioynt tenauntes, and tenauntes in common that now be, o: hereafter shal-
be of any estates o: estates of inheritaunce in their owne rightes, o: in the
right of their wyues of any maners landes tenementes o: hereditamentes
within this realme of Englande, wales, o: the marches of the same, shal &
maie be coacted and compelled, by vertue of this p:esent acte, to make par-
ticion betwene them of all suche maners landes tenementes and heredita-
mentes as they now holde, o: hereafter shal holde as ioynt tenants o: te-
nantes in comen, by writ De participacione facienda, in that case to be deu-
sed in the kyng our soueraygne lo:des court of Chauncery, in like maner &
fo:me as coperceners by the common lawes of this realme haue bene & are
compelled to do, and the same writ to be pursued at the common lawe.

Prouided alwaie and be it enacted, that euery of the sated ioynt tenan-
tes o: tenauntes in common, and they: heires, after suche particion made,

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Shall and may haue ayde of the other, or of their heyres, to thintent to de-
ceigne the warrantie paramount, and to recouer for the rate, as is bled be-
twene coperceners after partition made by the order of the common lawe,
any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte that fyllhyng in any feuerall ponde stewe or mote
with an intent to steale fysh out of the same
is felony. Cap. ii.



HERE AS DYVERS and many of the lordes knygh-
tes esquiers gentylmen & other the kynges subiectes with-
in this his realme, at their great costes and charges haue
caused to be made within their feuerall groundes many po-
des stewes and motes, and stozed them with diuerse kyn-
des of fyshes, as pykes breames carpes tenches and other
fishes wherof they haue thought to haue had great comoditie, as well for
the plesure of theyr friends, as for their owne commoditee and profite to-
wardes the necessary fyndyng of theyr houses, dyuerse and many lyghte
and vnreasonable persons of this realme, beyng of no good rule nor hone-
stie, littell or nothyng regardyng god, the feare of theyr soueraygne lord
the kynges highnesse, nor his lawes, haue not only fished the saied pondes
stewes and motes as well by nyght as by daie, with nettes hookes and
baites of diuers sortes, but also with great nombze of misruled persones,
haue entered into such groundes, and there, with great violence haue bro-
ken vp the heades of the saied pondes stewes and motes, and destroyed &
taken the fysh of the same pondes stewes and motes, to the great displea-
sures and losses of the owners of the saied pondes stewes and motes, and
contrary to all good reason ryght and conscience. wherfore be it enacted
by the kyng our saied soueraygne lord, with thassent of the lordes spiri-
tuall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assem-
bled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that as well all maner of fyllhyng-
ges with any nettes hokes or baytes, of what kynde so euer they be, in any
feuerall ponde stewe or mote, with an intent to steale fysh out of the same,
done or committed at any tyme after the feast of the Natyuitee of sayncte
John Baptiste nexte comminge, that is to saie, in the .xxx. yere of the
reygne of our saied soueraygne lord, frome the houre of syre in the euen-
tyde, vnto the houre of syre in the moynyng, agaynst the willes and myn-
des of the owners or possessioners of suche pondes stewes or motes,
as also the vnlauffull breakyng vp of the head of any feuerall ponde stewe
or mote, by daie or by nyght, after the saied feast, without colour of tittle
so to do, wherby any fysh of the same ponde stewe or mote, is taken or de-
stroyed, ayenst the wyll or mynde of the owner or possessioner of the same,
be to al intentes demed taken and adiudged felony: and that those persons
so offendynge, shall haue and suffer all suche peynes of deathe, and punish-
mentes,

mentes, as other felons ought to haue and suffre for felony by the course of the lawes of this realme.

¶ And also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any suche euill dysposed persons, after the feast befoze limited, doo fishe in the daye tyme, at any other tyme then is befoze reherled, in anye suche seuerall pondes, stewes, or motes, with any maner of nettes hokes or baytes, as is afoze sayd, what kynde so euer they be of, against the will pleasure & mind of the owners or possessors of the same seuerall pōdes stewes or motes, not hauing any maner of colour of title so to do, and therof be laufully conuicted at the suite of our soueraygne lord the king, or the party greued: that then the sayd parties so conuicted, shall suffre imprisonment by the space of thye monethes, and after the sayd thye monethes expired, shall fynde sufficient suretie for his or their good aberyng, or els to remayn still in prison without bayle or maynprie, vnto such tyme he or they cā fynd such suertie.

¶ An acte chaungyng the custom of Gauekynd. Capit. iiii.



He kyng our soueraygne lord, for dyuers considerations his maiestie mouinge, by auctorite of this his hygh courts of parliament, enacteth ordeineth and establissheth, that as well al the lordeshippes, maners, landes, tenementes, woodes, pastures, rentes, seruices, reuerfions, remaindres, aduoufons and al other what so euer hereditamentes set lying and being wthin his county of Kent, of the whiche Thomas Crumwell knyght of the honorable order of the Garter lord Crumwell of Wymbildes lord priuy seale, Thomas Burgh knyght lord Burgh, George Broke knyght lord Cobham, Andrew Wyndesore knyght, lord Wyndesore, Thomas Cheine knyght treasurer of our said soueraigne lord the kinges most honorable houlholde, Christofer Hales knyght maister of the Rolles of our sayd soueraigne lordes court of Chancerie, Thomas Willoughby knyght one of the iuges of the kinges court of the comon place, Anthony Seintleger knyght Edward Wotton knyght, Edward Boueton knyght, Roger Cholmeley knyght seriaunt at lawe, John Champneis knyght, John Baker squyer our sayd soueraygne lord the kynges generall atturney, Reinold Scottes squier, John Guldforde squier, Thomas Kempe squier, Edward Chwaittis squier, Wyllyam Roper squier, Anthony Sandis squier, Edward Isaac squier, Perciuall Harte squier, Edward Moryns squier, Wyllyam Whetnall squier, John fogge squier, Edmonde fetyplace squier, Thomas Hardres squier, William Waller squier, Thomas Wylforde squier, Thomas Hoile squier, Thomas Harlakinde squier, Gessrey Lee squier, James Hales, Henry Husee, and Thomas Roydon gentylmen, or any of them is or be leyfled to his or their owne vse or vles, in fee simple or in fee taylor, the whiche now bene of the tenure and nature of Gauekynd & here tofoze haue bene departed, or be departyble betwene heyres males, by the

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custome of Gauekynde, shall from hensforth be clerely changed from the said custome tenure and nature of Gauekynd, and in no wise hereafter be departed or departible by the sayd custome of Gauekynde, betwene heires males, but shall remayne reuert abyde descende com and be after and according as lordships maners landes tenementes and other hereditametes do or may descende remayne reuert abyde come or be, according to the common lawe of this realme, and as other maners landes & tenementes being in the said county of Kent, which neuer were holde by seruice of socage, but be & always haue ben holden by knight seruice, do discende remayn reuert abide come and be: And in lyke maner to discende, and be discendable, remayne reuerte come and be inheritable to the heire or heires, after and according to the said common lawes of this realme of Englande. And that all and syngular the sayd lordshippes, maners, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes with thappurtenances of the said lord Crumwell, lord Burgh, lord Cobham, lord Wyndesore, Thomas Cheine, Christofer Hales, Thomas Willoughby, Anthony Seintleger, Edward Wotton, Edward Boueton, Roger Cholmeley, John Champneis, John Baker, Reynolde Scotte, John Guldforde, Thomas Kempe, Edward Chwaites, William Roper, Anthony Sandis, Edward Isaac, Perciual Hart, Edward Monyns, Wyllyam Whetnall, John Fogge, Edmonde Fetplace, Thomas Hardres, William Waller, Thomas Wylforde, Thomas Woyle, Thomas Harlakinden squier, Geoffrey Lee, James Hales, Henry Hulse, and Thomas Roydon, or of any of them, and which befoze the making of this acte haue ben of the sayd nature and tenure of Gauekynde in the sayde county of Kent, shall from hensforth be accepted taken enherited demed and iudged to be, lyke as lordships maners landes tenementes and other hereditamentes at the common lawe of this realme, and in suche maner and forme as if the same maners lordships landes tenementes and other hereditamentes had neuer ben of the said nature of Gauekynd, any vplage or custome in the sayd county of Kent hertofore had accepted or vled to the contrary not withstandyng. Sauing alwaies and reseruyng to all & singular persons, other than the said lord Crumwell, lord Burgh, lord Cobham, lord Wyndesore, Thomas Cheyne, Christofer Hales, Thomas Willoughby, Antony Seintleger, Edward Wotton, Edward Boueton, Roger Cholmeley, John Champneis, John Baker, Reinold Scot, John Guldforde, Thomas Kempe, Edward Chwaites, William Roper, Anthony Sandis, Edward Isaac, Perciual Hart, Edward Monyns, William Whetnall, John Fogge, Edmond Fetplace, Thomas Hardres, William Waller, Thomas Wylforde, Thomas Woyle, Thomas Harlakinden squier, Geoffrey Lee, James Hales, Henry Hulse, & Thomas Roydon, or any of them, & to euery of the apent any other of them al such right tytle interest & inheritance as they or any of them had befoze the making of this act, of to or in any of the said maners landes tenementes woodes pastures retes seruices reuertions remainders aduousons & other the premises, as if this present act had neuer ben had nor made.

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An acte concernynge the amendynge of the riuer and port
of Exeter. Cap. iiii.



A most humble wise shewen vnto your highnes your true and faithful subiectes, the maire bayliffes & comonaltie of your citie of Exeter, that where of olde antiquitie as wel the citezens and dwellers within your sayd city as all other bothe denisens and strangers, applieng and coming from any partes of beyond the see, or of this realme, to your porte of Exeter, haue had course and recourse with theyr shippes botes & vessels goodes and marchandyses in the ryuer of Exe, to and from the high sea, vnto your sayd city, to the great comoditie comon welth & profite of your sayd city, and all the countrey therabout, as by dyuers recozdes and writynge remaining as well in your said citie, as also at westm, playnly doth appere: whiche comoditie of longe tyme hath ben so dystroyed and letted by weyes & drynnynges of sandes and grauel, by course of the water, in to the said riuer, and other lettes and noisances, that at this day, and of long time past, shippes botes and vessels haue not had ne yet can haue their course to and from your saied citie, as of old tyme they haue had, by reason wherof your saied suppliantes of longe time haue ben and yet be compelled and enforced to carie their goodes and marchandises from the ships botes and vessels to your said citee by lande, to their verely charges of **CCCC** markes sterlinges and aboue, beside great hurtes and losses taken in their said goodes & marchādiles by the cariers of the same, which hath not onely ben and yet daily is to the great hurt decay and enpo uerishing of the marchantes of your said cite, but also of the countrey ther aboutes by reason of the ouerflowynge & drowning of the medowes pastures and grounde lieng by the said riuer, with the high springes of the sea & the fluddes of the freshe water coming to the sayd riuer, & by reson of which charges susteined in carieng their goodes & marchādiles by land vnto the said citee, as is beforesaid, the marchantes and owners of the saied wares and marchandises, are driuen to sell the same muche moze derer than they wold do, if the said marchandises might be conueied and brought vnto the said citee by water, to the great hurte and pzeiudice of all your graces subiectes in the said parties. For reformation wherof, it maie please your highnes, of your most noble and abundant grace, with thassent of your lordes spiritual & tempozal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, to enacte ordeine and establishe, that it may and shalbe lausfull at al times after the feast of Easter nowe nexte coming, to your saied suppliantes maire bailiffes and cominaltee of your said citee of Exeter, and their successours, to plucke downe dig moine bryake banke & cast by al and al maner of weires rockes sandes grauel and other lettes & noysances, what so euer they be in the saied ryuer, and also in other places & ground conuenient and necessary for the same, whole so euer they be, lieng betwene your saied cite & the high sea, and further to do and make al other thinges requisite and necessary, wherby the said ships botes & vessels may haue

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haue their sure course and recourse in the sayde ryuer, to and froine youre sayed cytie, and there to charge and discharge the sayde goodes and marchandises without lette or disturbance of any persone or persons, gyuyng and payng therfore vnto the lord or lordes owner and owners of the soile, where suche diggynge and minyng shall be, in recompence and satisfaction of and for the lande and ground so to be digged and mined, after the rate of xx. yerres purchase, or els as much for the same, as shall be adiudged or deined and determyned by the kynges iustices of assise in the county of Deuon for the tyme being, the election and liberty of which recompence and satisfaction so to be had, to be at the choise of the lordes and owners of the said landes and tenementes, without any let denier veration or trouble of the said lord or lordes owner or owners, or any other persone or persons, by sute in the lawe or otherwise, vpon peine of forfayture of. xx. li. of lefull money of England, for euery time that they or any of them do attempt the contrary therof, wherof the one halfe shall be to our said soueraygne lord, & the other half to him or them, that wil sue therfore by action of det byl plaint or information in any the kinges courtes, wherin the partie defendant shall not wage his lawe, nor in the said action actions or suites any esloyn licence nor protection shall be allowed. And also giuyng and payng to the tenantes fermers and occupiers of such lande or ground for suche hurte and losses, as they or any of them, shall susteine and haue by the same, as much as shall be assessed adiudged and determyned by the said iustices of assises in the said countie of Deuon for the tyme being, or by such persons as by them shall be assigned and deputed for the same. The said recompence and satisfaction as well concerning the lordes and owners of the said land and ground, as to the tenantes fermers and occupiers of the same, to be paid by the maire bayliffes and commynaltie of the said citee for the time being, and their successours within the space of fyve weekes nexte after the ratyng assessing and determynyng of the same, onlesse that the maire bayliffes and commynaltie of the said citee, & their successours, can otherwise compound or agree with the lordes owners tenantes fermers and occupiers of such land and ground or with any of them. And in case it happen the mayre bayliffes and commynalty of the said citee to make defaute of paiment of the said recompence & satisfaction, and resist to paie the same, as is befoze reherfed, that than the lord, lordes, owner, owners, tenantes, fermers, or occupiers of such land or ground, that is greued therwith, and to whom the satisfaction and recompence ought to be paid, shall and maie laufullly commence afferme or take his or their action of det by the course of the comon lawe, against the maire bayliffes, & commonalty of the said citee for the tyme being, & their successours for the recouerye of the same in any county within this realme, at the wyll & pleasure of the partie greued, and lyke proces ther vpon to be had, as in actions of det at the comon lawe, grounded vpon contract or specialties, hath bled to be had, in the whiche actions of dette suite or suites to be had, no wager of law, esloyn, licence, nor protection shall be allowed.

An act wherby the kynges manour of Hampton court is made an honour and a newe chafe therto belongyng. Cap. v.



As much as it hath pleased the kyng our most excellent & most
 dread souerayne lord of late to erecte builde and make a goodly
 sumptuous beautiful and princely manour, decent & couenient
 for a king, and the same hath ornatid with parkes gardens or-
 chardes & other thinges of gret comodite and plesure therunto
 adioynnyng, mete and partinent to his royall maiestie, most requisite for the
 prosperous continuance of his most royall person, whiche the subiectes of
 this his realme most entierly aboute all worldly thinges chiefly desyre of al
 mightie god: his grace isuyng the aduancement & amplificacion of his re-
 sonable and princely comodities to be nie vnto his said manour, heretofore
 of late hath assigned & limited a certeyne terrytoiry or grounde for a chafe
 therof to be made, for nourishyng generacion and feedyng of beastes of
 venery, and of foules of wares: and for furniture and perfection therof, the
 kinges maiestie by indenture made betwene his grace on the one part, and
 sir Richard Page knight, Thomas Hennage esquier, John Carleton, John
 Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe gentilmen, Robert Alletour, Roberte
 Hamond, & diuers other honest and substantial men, named in the said in-
 denture, for & in the name of all free tenants, haupyng any estate of inheri-
 tance, and in the name of all customary tenants, hauyng any estate of inhe-
 ritance by custome, of or in any landes or tenementes, within the precinctes
 of the sayd terrytoiry or ground, limited and assigned for the said chafe and
 wares, hath certaynly & plainly declared the precinctes, limites, ambites &
 boundes of the same Terytoirie or ground, & his graces liberties priuileges
 & comodities to be had in & vpo the same: the tenor of which said indenture
 hereafter plainly and fully ensueth, that is to saie: THIS INDENTURE
 made the fyrst day of October, in the. xxix, yere of the reigne of our most
 excellent & most dread souerain lord HENRY the eight, by the grace of god
 king of England and of France defender of the faith, lord of Ireland, and
 in erth supreme head of the church of England, betwene the same our soue-
 rayn lord the king of thone partie, and sir Richard Page knight, Thomas
 Hennage esquier, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a downe
 gentilmen, Robert Alletour, Robert Hamonde, Thomas Stakforde, Ri-
 chard Wykar, John a Gate thelder, John a Gate the yonger wyllia Stak-
 forde, John Boughton, Richard Biers, German Bandal, John wolfe,
 william Floiter, Richard Hunt, John Cony, Robert Parker, willia Tice,
 Richard wheteley, Robert Noztrige, John Wachin, John Baro, Richard
 wodclerk the yonger, John Clere, John Grenetre, Richard Heyward, Chri-
 stopher, poultret, Richard wolf, John Bulworth, Thomas Druier, Thomas
 Noztingham, John Noztrige, willia west, John Hardwin, Richard New-
 ma: John Hamode the yonger, John Blake, John Daly, George Chew, Cle-
 ment Jarred, John Hamond thelder, Ambrose Grenetre, walter Caluerley
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Richard Ale, Lionel Browne, Robert Hall, Thomas Warthe, Thomas Skete, John Beriman, John London, John Woodhous, John Grene, & John wolfe, for and in the name of all the free tenauntes, haupnge any estate of inheritaunce, and in the name of all customary tenauntes, haupng any estate of inheritaunce by custume of and in any landes or tenementes within the lordships maners townes and villages of Estmulsey, westmulsey, Walton, Ether, Weybridge, and part of Cobham, and other parishes, villages, and hamlettis, what so euer they be within the limites of the chace that is named to be called Hampton court chace, of the other part, witnesseth, that where our sayd souerayne lord the kyng hath of late erected builded and made within the county of Middelsex, a goodly sumptuous hous, beautifull and princely manour, mete and conuenient for akyng, and the same endowed with parkes, orchardes gardeines, and other great commodities and plesures therunto adioynnyng and belongyng, and his grace intending the prosperous continuance and preseruacion as well of his most royall person, as for the fournyshynge of the manour with manifold thynges of pleasure, for the dispozte, pastyme, comfozte, and consolacion of his hyghnesse, his heires and successours, his graces pleasure is to erecte and make a chace about the said manour, for the increase of venery and foule of warreyn, whiche Chace shall be called Hampton court chace: and that the sayd lordshippes, maners, townes, and villages of Estmulsey, westmulsey, Walton, Ether, Weybridge, and part of the towne or village of Cobham, in the county of Surf, & all landes, tenementes, medowes, lesues, woodes, and pastures lienge and beyng within the limittes metes and boundes hereafter declared, shall be had reputed, and taken within the sayd Chace, and to be parcel therof to all intentes and purposes, which metes and boundes are limited apointed and do extend as foloweth, That is to wyt, at & from the Chemmys syde, on the southe syde of the maner of Hampton court directly as the pale shall be newly erected made and set to Cobham, and so forth, as the pale shall leade and be sette about Cobham parke pale, of Byflette parke, and from thens folowynge the same pale to the water of weie, and so fourth by the south syde, of the riuer of weie, and the ryuer of Chamis, vnto the first commencement and begynnynge of the said pale. wherfore it is condescended granted concluded and fully agreed betwene the said parties to these indentures by these presentes, And our said soueraigne lord the king in accomplisshement of his graces pleasure, by these presentes doth ordeyne make erecte publish and declare the sayd Chace. And that the said lordshippes manours townes and villages of Estmulsey westmulsey Walton Ether Weybridge, and parte of Cobham, and all landes tenementes, medowes, woodes, lesues, and pastures, lieng and beyng within the limittes metes and boundes afore named, shall be from hensforth free chace and warren for all maner beastes of venery and foule of warren, and shall haue all such and like liberties iurisdictions and preeminences as any ancient chace or forrest within this realme hath or of right ought to haue: and euery persone

person and persons, that shall fortune hereafter to trespass or offend within the sayd newe chace, shall incurre and runne into lyke daunger penalties, losse, and forfaiture, as if the same offence had been done or committed in any other chace or forest within this realme of Englande: And that the sayd newe chace be from hensforth named and called Hampton court chace. And it is further condiscended graunted and agreed betweene the sayde parties by these presentes, and our sayde soueraigne lord the kynge for hym, his heires, and successours, promiseth, granteth, and agreeth to and with the saied s^r Richard Page, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and all other the sayed tenants and freeholders, theyr heires and assignes, that it shall bee lafull to the same s^r Richard Page, Thomas Hennage, John Agmondesham, John Carleton, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenantes aboue named, and to all other persons, beyng freeholders within the sayed Chace, and to euery of them, their heires and assignes, to felle cut downe and carie awaie at all tyme and tymes hereafter at his or theyr pleasure, all and parcell of his or theyr woodes, groues, coppies, and sprynges, growyng and beyng within the saied chace, without lycence of the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, or of any offycer within the saied chace, and without let and interrupcion of the same officers, or any of them. And also that it shalbe lafull to the saied s^r Richard Page, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenantes aboue named, and all other persons, as well freeholders as copie holders as customarpe tenantes within the limittes of the sayd chace, and to euery of theym, their heires and assignes, at all tyme and tymes hereafter, to make the hedges and fences aboute their cozne, growynge vppon their owne grounde within the saied chace, at their owne wylle and pleasure, to kepe out the dere therof, durynge all suche tyme onely, as the cozne shall growe vpon the same grounde. And that the officers of the saied chace durynge the same tyme, shall suffre the same hedges and fences to stande and to remayne, to thentent abouesayd. And after euery suche tyme as the cozne shalbe serued and caried awaie, it shall be lafull to the officers of the saied chace, to make dere leapes and bzeakes in the sayed hedges and fences, for and to thentent that the dere maie haue course and recours into the grounde, where the cozne was sowen, for theyr feedyng, durynge all suche tyme as the same landes shall bee and remayne vnsowen. And in consideracion thereof, our saied soueraigne lord the kynge, for him, his heires and successours, is pleased and contented, that his and theyr officers of the reuenues within the limittes of the same chace, shall perely for euer at euery paiement, defalke, allowe, and deducte the thyrde parte of the free rente, that euery freeholder oughte to paie for their seuerall freeholders, within the limittes of the same Chace. And also the kynges hyghnesse is pleased and contented, that where any customarpe tenant, or tenantes haupyng any estates of inheritaunce in any customarpe

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mary landes oꝝ tenementes within the saied chace, after the custome of any maner there, wherof the same customarie landes oꝝ tenementes beyng holden, foꝝ the whiche customarie landes oꝝ tenementes, the nexte heire of euerye suche customarie tenaunt, after the death of his auncestour, by and accordyng to the same custome oughte to paie fyne, in euerye suche case the kynges officers of the reuenues within the saied chace, shall defalke, deducte, and allow to the nexte heire of euery such tenaunt, dieyng seyled of any customary landes oꝝ tenementes within the lymytes of the saied chace, the moytie oꝝ halfe of euerye suche fyne, that he by the said custome ought to paie foꝝ his landes there: the same fyne to be rated and asselled after the rate of the fyne that the same tenaunt so dyenge seyled, laste paid to the loꝝde therof, foꝝ the same landes oꝝ tenementes, & not otherwys. And that the moytie of euerye suche fyne be conteyned in euery copie, that hereafter shall be made to anye suche tenaunte, by the officers of the courtes of euerye suche manour within the lymyttes of the saied Chace. And the saied syꝛ Richarde Bage, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenautes and freeholders of the saied loꝝdeshippes, manours, townes, and byllages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, Walton, Elser, Weybridge, and part of Cobham, do couenaunt and graunte, and euery of them foꝝ him and his heyres couenaunteth and graunteth to and with oure saied soueraygne loꝝde the kyng, his heires and successours, that they and all other the tenautes & freeholders, within the lymyttes of the saied chace, and euery of theym, shall at all tymes hereafter stande to obey perfourme, and kepe, within the saied chace, all and syngular suche lawes, oꝝdinaunces, penaltees, fynes, and amerciamentes, as appartayne to a chace, and all suche as hereafter shall be pꝛouided oꝝ made by any lawe oꝝ statute, concernyng the pꝛeseruacion oꝝ mayntenaunce of the saied chace: excepte and onely reserued to the saied tenautes, all suche libertees and commoditees befoꝝe by these presentes vnto theym appoynted and lymitted within the saied chace: In witnesse wherof our saied soueraygne loꝝde the kyng to the one part of these presentes Indentures, remaynyng with the saied freeholders and customarie tenautes hath caused his great seale of Englande to be put: and to the other part of the same Indentures, remainyng with our saied soueraigne loꝝde the kyng, the saied freeholders and customarie tenautes, as well foꝝ them selfe as in the name of all other tenautes and inhabitautes within the lmytes of the said chace, haue put to their seales, the daie & yere aboue wꝛitten. Be it therfoꝝe enacted by auctorite of this pꝛesent parliament, that the sayd Indenture shall persyst continue and abide good effectual and in full strength and vertue, accordyng to the woꝝd tenour & effect therof. And that the kyng our soueraygne loꝝde, his heyres and successours foꝝ euer, shall haue and enioye their libertees and pꝛiueleges, commoditees and pleasures of free chace and warren foꝝ all maner of beastes of venery, and fowles of warren, within and vpon the saied townes byllages and parishes of Estmulsey

Estmulsey, Westmulsey, Walton, Esher, Weibridge, and part of Cobham, and in al other places and groundes, lying or beyng within the precinctes limittes and boundes of the said territoꝝe or groundes limited and assigned by the said Indenture for the said chace and warren. And that the same territoꝝe or groundes shall be called named and known by the name of Hampton court chace. And that all and singular transgressours and offendours taken known or pꝛoued to haue committed or doone any maner of offence, within or vpon the said chace or warren, contrary to the foꝝme or effect of any part of the said indenture, shall incurre and falle into like daungers, penalties, and forfeitures, as any other lyke offendours, committing or doing any wꝛong trespass or offence in any other foꝝest or chace within this realme, may do or shall do.

And furthermore be it enacted, that our sayed soueraigne loꝝde the kyng, his heyres and successours, at his and their libertee and pleasure, may make constitute and assigne suche and as many offycers, mynisters, and keepers, in for and vpon the said chace and warren, as to hym or them from tyme to tyme shall be thought behouefull conuenient and necessary. And that all and singular lawes actes and statutes heretofore made, concerning the keeping nourishyng encrease and suppoꝛtacion of any of the foꝝestes, chaces, and warrens of this realme, or any of them, or touchyng or concerning directiōs coꝛrections penalitees refoꝛmaciōs or punishmentes for any maner of offences done or committed within any suche foꝝestes chaces or warrens, shall be from hensfoꝛth extended and executed into and vpon all transgressours and offenders in the said chace called Hampton court chace, and into or vpon the sayd warren of the same.

And bycause that the said manour of Hampton court is thus, as is afoꝛesayd, decoꝛated and enuironned with thynges of high and princely comoditees, Be it further enacted by auctoꝛite of this pꝛesent parliamēt, that the manor of Walton vpon the Teme in the said county of Surꝛ, beyng parcel of the duchy of Lancaster, & the manour of Walton Leghe, in the said county of Surꝛ, late purchased by the kynges highnes of Gyles Leghe esquier deceased, and the house of Oteland, and al landes tenementes rentes seruices and hereditamentes in Weibridge Walton and Charteley, in the sayd countie of Surꝛ, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of John Rede, sonne and heyre of Wylliam Rede, and the manors of Bykete and Weibridge in the said county of Surrey, beyng parcel of the duchy of Cornewall, and all the landes and tenementes in Walton & Weibridge afoꝛesayd, late purchased by the kynges highnes of John Goldewell, and his wyfe, and all those landes and tenementes in Walton afoꝛesayde, late purchased by the kynges hyghnesse of John Carleton, and the manour of Estmulsey in the sayde county of Surrey, late purchased by the kynges hyghnesse of the pꝛesydent and scholers of Corpus Christi Colledge in Oxfoꝛde, and the manour of Mulsey in the said countie of Surrey, whiche late belonged to the late Monasterye of Marten, in the sayde county

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countie of Surrey: And the manour of Sandon in the sayde countie of Surrey late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of the maister and brethren of the hospitall of saint Thomas Spittle in Southwark, in the said countie of Surrey: And the manour of Welton in the sayd county of Surrey, late purchased by the kynges highnes of the abbesse and couent of the monastery of Barkyng in the countie of Essex: And the manour of Imworth in the said countie of Surrey, late purchased by the kynges hyghnesse of Thomas duke of Norfolk. And the manour of Elter in the sayd countie of Surrey, late purchased by the kynges hyghnes of the reuerende father in god Stephen bishop of Wyndchester: and the landes and hereditamentes with thappurtenances called Heywod, lying within the said chace, whiche late belonged to the late priorie of Newwerke in the said county of Surrey. And al those manours landes tenementes and hereditamentis, lying within the said chace, which s^r Richard Page knight hath lately bargained and sold vnto our said souerayne lord the kyng: and all landes tenementes and hereditamentes, whiche be the sayde s^r Richard Pages, lying & beyng within the said chace: And al other manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruitces and hereditamentes, within the limittes and territorie of the same chace, which the kynges highnes before this tyme hath openly bought or purchased of any persone or persones, bodies politike or corporate: And al the fee ferme or yerely rent or annuities of the borough or towne of Kyngston vpon Temmes, in the sayd countie of Surrey: And the manours of Hanneworth and Kynton, otherwise called Coldkennington, and the parke of Hanneworth and Coldkennington, in the countie of Midd^s: And the manour of Feltham in the sayd countie of Midd^s, whiche manour of Feltham was late purchased by the kynges highnes of the maister and brethren of the hospitall of Burton lacer in the county of Leicesters: And the manour of Codrington in the said countie of Midd^lsex, late purchased by the kynges hyghnesse of the abbotte and couent of the monastery of Westmynster, in the county of Midd^lsex: and all landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lying in the parryshe of Hampton in the sayde countie of Midd^lsex, late purchased by the kynges hyghnesse of Thomas Arthure, Thomas Gone, John Unydale, John Upton, Thomas Elys, and John Lewes, or of any of them: And all landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in the parryshe of Hanneworth, in the sayd county of Midd^s, late purchased by the kynges hyghnesse of John Williams, John Combes, Richard Harris, William Couper, Robert Wattis, Thomas Fitzwater, Rycharde Laurence, Thomas Carpenter, John Bickes, Paule Coke, and the person of the parryshe of Hanworth aforesayed, or of any of them: and all the landes and tenementes in Kenten, in the said countie of Midd^s, lately purchased by the said our souerayn lord the kyng, of the maister and brethren of the hospitall of Sauey, in the county of Midd^s: And al other maners landes tenementes and hereditamentes in Kingston Hanworth, Kenton, Coldkennington, Feltham, Codrington, & Hampton, whiche

whiche our sayd souerayne lord the kynge, befoze this tyme hath bought purchased or obteyned of any person or persons, bodies politike or corporate shall from hensforth be perpetually vnited annexed demed reputed & taken to be part parcell and membris of the sayde manour of Hampton court. And that the same manour of Hampton court, togyther with all other the sayde manours landes tenementes and other the pzemisses aboue reherfed and specified, so vnited and annexed to the same manor of Hampton court, shall from hensforth be named called accepted and taken the honour of Hampton court. And that the sayde manour of Hampton court shall from hensforth be the chiefe and capitall place and part of the sayde honour of Hampton court.

¶ Be it also further enacted by auctoritee aforesayd, that the sayd honour and chace of Hampton court, and all the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes, and other the pzemisses aboue reherfed, shall from hensforth be in the order suruey rule and gouernance of the court of Augmentacions of the reuenues of our soueraine lord the kynges crowne, and to be granted let and set to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same court, in suche maner and forme as other the manours landes and tenementes, appointed to the same court, be or ought to be letten or graunted. And that all the fermes issues reuenues and profittes, comynge and growynge of the pzemisses, and of euery parte therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kynges vse, by the ministers and offycers of the same court, in such maner and fourme as is vled and had of other manours landes and tenementes committed to the order suruey and gouernance of the sayed court of Augmentacions: any act statute ordinance custome or vse heretofore had made or vled to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And furthermoze be it enacted by auctoritee aforesayd, that all and singular the tenants, as well freeholders and copyholders, as other, and all and singular personnes, whiche owe suite to any of the sayde manours, or to any leete or lawday, to be holden within the procincte of any of them, and the heyres successours and assignes of euery of the said tenants, shall do theyr suites seruices and customes, and paie theyr rentes to the said sundry manours, and in suche tymes, as they dyd and ought to do befoze the makynge of this present acte. And that the sayde tenants and suters or any of theym, or the heyres, successours, or assignes of theim or any of them, at any tyme hereafter, shall not be charged nor chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be compelled to doo or paie the same in any other place or places, nor any of the seuerall tenures chaunged alterated or charged, otherwyle than they were or ought to doo or be befoze the makynge of this acte, any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding. Sauynge alway and reseruyng to all & singular fre tenants and customary tenants of any landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyng or being within the procinctes limites and bondes of the said Chace, called Hampton court chace, specified &

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declared by the sayde indenture, and to the heires successours & assignes of euery of them, al and singular liberties profites commoditees and aduantages to them apperteynyng, accoꝝdyng to the true intent and pleasure of our sayde soueraigne loꝝde the kynge, signified and declared by the same indenture: any thyng in this acte aboue wꝛitten not withstandyng.

Provided alwaie, that this acte, oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be pꝛejudiciall oꝝ hurtfull to any person oꝝ persons, their heyꝛes executors successours oꝝ assignes, foꝝ any leases demises grautes oꝝ couenantes heretofore had made oꝝ graunted to them oꝝ any of them, of the sayde manours and other the pꝛemisses, oꝝ any part oꝝ parcell therof, by any person oꝝ persons, beyng owners of the sayde manours landes and tenementes and other the pꝛemisses, oꝝ any part oꝝ parcell therof, oꝝ by any of their ancelstours oꝝ pꝛedecessours, oꝝ by any person oꝝ persons laufully auctoꝝised by them oꝝ any of them, foꝝ any demise lease oꝝ graunt therof made.

Sauyng alwaie to all and euery person and persones, their heires successours executors and assignes, other than such persons, as were parties oꝝ pꝛiuy to the bargaynes sales gyftes oꝝ grautes of the sayde manours and other the pꝛemisses, oꝝ any parte therof, and theyꝛ wyues theyꝛ heires and successours, and the wiues heires and successours of euery of them, all suche right title vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes foꝝ terme of life lues yerres oꝝ otherwise: & al grautes libertees rentes charges profits couenantes and all other comoditee and commoditees, whiche they oꝝ any of them haue, might oꝝ ought to haue, oꝝ hereafter shall oꝝ shoulde haue, in of oꝝ to the pꝛemisses, oꝝ any part oꝝ parcell of theim, in suche maner and fourme, as though this acte, oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary therof had neuer been had noꝝ made: any thyng in this pꝛesent acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

And foꝝ as muche as the sayd manours of Byffete and Weybridge, befoꝝe the makyng of this acte were parcell of the Duchie of Cornwal, and now separated and taken from the same by reason of this acte: Be it therefore enacted by auctoꝝitee afoꝝesaied, that the manour of Shippon, with chappurtenances, in the county of Berk. whiche lately belonged to the late monastery of Abendon, in the same countye of Berk. nowe dissolued, shall from hensfoꝝthe be vnited & annexed to the sayde Duchie of Cornwal, and shall be accepted and taken foꝝ and as part and parcel of the same Duchie of Cornwal, in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the sayde manours of Byffete and Weybridge were befoꝝe the makyng of this acte, and that the same manour of Shippon, and the issues reuenues and profits therof, shall from hensfoꝝth be surueied receiued and answered by and befoꝝe suche persons, officers, and ministers, and in suche lyke maner and fourme, as other the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, parcell of the sayd Duchie of Cornwal, be and shall be surueied receiued and answered.

Provided alwaie that this act, oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be pꝛe-

be prejudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, their heires, executors, successours, or assignes, or any demises leases offices grantes or couenantes heretofore had made or granted to them or any of theym, of the sayde manour of Shippon, or any part or pceell therof, by our soweraygne lord the kyng, or by any other person or persons, being owner or owners of the same manour of Shippon, this acte, or any thyng therein contened to the contrary therof not withstanding.

In acte that suche as were religious persons may purchase, sue and be sued in all maner of accions. Cap. vi.



It enacted by auctorite of this present parliament that al and singularliche religious persons, aswel men as womē pofessed, of what order rule or habite so euer they were whiche be, or hereafter shalbe put at their liberties fro the danger seruitude and condicion of their religion & pofession, wherunto they were pofessed, by reason of suppression dissolupnge forfayture by attaynder, rendyng or otherwyle grynge to the handes of the kynges maiestee, or any other the same monasteries, abbeis, priories, or other religious houses or places, wherin the same religious persons were pofessed, shal by auctorite of this present parliament, fro and after the first daie of the same parliament, and from and after the tyme, that they were or shalbe put at such liberty, haue free libertee to purchase to the and their heires in fee simple, fee taylor, for terme of lyfe for pces or at will, manors landes tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditamentes & thynges, what so euer they be, in lyke maner and fortune, as though they or any of them had neuer ben pofessed, nor entered in to any such religion. And furthermore, that they the same religious persons, and euery of them, shal be made able by auctorite of this present acte to sue and be sued in all maner of actions playntes and saytes, what so euer they be, of and for any matter or cause growyng sithens and after the tyme of their seueral decaynementes or departyng out of theyr religion, in al curtes and places within this realme, as other the kinges subiectes be. And furthermore that they and euery of them, shal and maie frome hensforthe, vse and exercyse, receyue take haue and enioye all and euery lawfull thyng and thynges to be growen fall or happened to them or any of them, after the said deraignement or departyng out of their religion, in as large & ample maner forme and condicion, as if they had neuer ben pofessed nor entered in to religion, the same pofession or religion, or any lawe custome or vse within this realme to the contrary therof in any wyle not withstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that none of the same religious persons, shal or maie at any tyme hereafter be taken demed or iudged for or as heire or heires or inharitable to any person or persons to any purpose respect construction or intent in the law, nor of thei

nor any of them by vertue of this act be receiued admitted or deined able in the lawe, to demands challenge receiue or take any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any other thing or thynges, by reason of or for any former title right interest matter or cause, had made don or growen to any respect or purpose, before their saied seuerall deraignementes or departinges out of their religion. Nor p any of the saied religious persons being priestes, or suche as haue auowed religion at .xii. yeres or aboue, and therto than consented, continuynge in the same any whyle after, not duely prouynge by wytnes or other lawfull meanes some vnlawfull coercion or compulsion done to them or any of them, for makynge of any such bove, or constraynyng them to remayne in their religion, be enabled by vertue of any wordes clause or sentence before in this acte expessed, to marry or take any wyfe or wyues, but that they and euery of them be clerely excluded and put from the same to all intentes and purposes: any thinge before in this acte conteyned to the contrary hereof in any wyse not withstanding.

CAn acte concerning the continuance of the statute for punishment of beggers and vacabundes, and of certayne other statutes. Cap. vii.



VHERE IN the parliament begunne and holden at London the thirde daye of Nouember, in the .xii. yere of the reigne of our maoste grasse souerayne lord kynge HENRY the eight, and from thence adiurned to westm, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogacions, vntil the dissolucion therof, an acte was made and established, declaryng and concernynge as well howe aged poore and impotent persons, compelled to lyue by almes, shoulde be ordered and bled, and also how vacaboundes and mighty strong beggers shulde be whipped & punished: and at the saied parliament one other acte was made and established for the restraint of carieng & coucieng of horeles & mares out of this realme: & also at the saied parliament one other act was made and established for punishment of welshemen, attemptynge assautes or affrays vpon any the inhabitantes of Hertford Gloucester or Shropshire: And also at the sayde parliament one other acte was made and established for punishment of the hyce of Buggery, declaryng suche offence to be felony, which said foure seuerall actes were also made to endure to the last daie of the nexte parliament, as by the same foure seuerall actes more playnely appereth. And where also in the saied parlyament one other acte was made and ordeyned amonge other thinges, for restraynyng the cariages of brasse latens & coper out of this realme: And also one other acte was there made in the saied parliament for the true makynge of cables, halsters, and ropes: And also one other acte for the true wyndynge of wolles: And one other acte to restrayne kyllpynge of weynlinges bullockes, steres or heifers, being vnder the age of two yeres, which sayd four seuerall actes last before

before remembred, were than made to endure and continue vnto the next parliament, as by the same foure seuerall actes moze playnely appereth. And where also in the said parliament one other acte was made and established for the atteintes to be sued for punishment of perjury vpon vntreue verdues: And also one other act was there made in the sayd parliament concerning peauterers: And also one other act was there made in the said parliament, concerning soluyng of flaxe and hempe: all whiche said thre seuerall actes laste before reherled, were than made & ordeined to continue and endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the same thre seuerall actes moze plainly at large is shewed and may appere. And where also in the said parliament one other act was made and established for making of iayles in dyuers shires of this realme, whiche same act was than made to continu and endure for one yere next after the end of the same parliament, as by the same acte also moze playnly appereth. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at westm the. viii. day of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our sayed moste drad soueraygne lord. kynge Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept vntil the dissolution thereof, it was ordeined and enacted, that all and syngular the sayd seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, should continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntyl the laste daie of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thynges therein conteyned, moze playnly appereth. And forasmuche as all and syngular the said seuerall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficiall for the common welth of this Realme, Bee it therfore enacted and ordeyned by the auctoritee of this present parliament, that all and syngular the sayd seuerall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shall continue and endure in their force and strength, and be obserued and kept vntyll the last day of the next parliament.

CAn acte that proclamacions made by the kynges hyghnes, with the aduyse of his honoꝛable counsell, shall be obeyed and kept, as thoughe they were made by acte of parliament.
Capitulo. viii.



Forasmuche as the kynges most roiall maiestie for diuers considerations by thaduyse of his counsell hath hertofore set forth diuers and sundry his graces proclamacions, as well for and concerning dyuers and sundry articles of Christis religion, as for an vnie and concord to be had amongst the louyng and obedient subiectes of this his realme, and other his dominions, and also concerning thaduancement of his common welthe and good quiet of his people, whiche neuer the lesse diuerse and many frowarde wylfull and obstinate persons, haue wylfully contempned and broken, not consydeyrnge what a kyng by his roiall power

wet maie do: and for lacke of a direct statute and lawe to rebert offenders, to obey the saied proclamacions, whiche beyng stylly suffred, shuld not onely encozage offenders to the disobedience of the pzeceptes and lawes of all myghty God, but also sound to much to the great dishonour of the kynges most corall maiestee (who maie full yf beare it) and also gyue to great hart and boldnes to all malefactours and offendours: Consydering also that sodayn causes and occasions fortune many tymes, whiche do requyre spedy remedies, and that by abyding for a parliament, in the meane tyme might happen greate pzeiudice to ensue to the realme: and weying also, that his maiestee (whiche by the kyngly and regall power geuen hym by God, maie do many thynges in suche cases) shuld not be dzyuen to extend the libertee and supzeintee of his regall power and dignitee by wilfulnes of froward subiectes: it is therfore thought in maner moze than necessary, that the kynges highnes of this realme for the tyme beyng, with thadvisse of his honorable counsell, shuld make and set for the proclamacions for the good and possitike order and gouernance of this his realme of Englande wales and othet his dominions from tyme to tyme, for the defence of his regal dignitee, and thaduancement of his common welth, and good quiet of his people, as the cases of necessitye shall require. And that an ordinary lawe shuld be pzoouided by thassent of his maiesty and parliament, for the due punishment correction and refozmacion of such offences and disobediences. Be it therfore enacted by auctozitee of this parliament, with the kynges maiestee, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons assent, that alwaies the kyng, for the tyme beyng, with thadvisse of his honorable counsell, whose names hereafter folow, or with thadvisse of the moze part of them may set forth at al tymes, by auctozitee of this acte, his proclamacions, vnder suche penalties and peynes, and of suche fozt, as to his highnesse, and his saied honorable counsell, or the moze part of them: shall seme necessary and requisite. And that those same shall be obeyed obserued and kepte, as though they were made by acte of parliament, for the tyme in them limited, onelesse the kynges highnesse dispence with them or any of them vnder his great seale.

¶ Pzoouided alwaies, that the woordes meanyng and intent of this acte, be not vnderstond, interpretate, construed, or extended, that by vertue of it any of the kynges liege people, of what estate degre or condicion so euer he or they be, bodies politike or corpozate, their heires or successours, shoulde haue any of his or their inheritaunces laufull possessions offices libertees priuileges franchisees gooddes or cattals, taken from them or any of them: Nor by vertue of the sayd acte suffre any peynes of death, othet than shalbe hereafter in this acte declared. Nor that by any pzoclamacion to bee made by vertue of this acte, any actes, common lawes, standyng at this pzeient tyme in strength and fozce, nor yet any laufull or laudable customes of this realme, or othet his dominions, ne any of them shalbe infringed broken or subuerted: And specially all those actes, standyng this houre in fozce, whiche

che haue ben made in the kynges highnes tyme: but that euery such person and persons, bodie polityke and corporate, their heires and succellours, & the heires and succellours of euery of them, their inheritances lafull possessions offycer liberties priuileges franchises goodes & cattals shal stand and be in the same state and condicion, to euery respect & purpose, as if this acte or prouiso had neuer be had or made. Excepte suche forfeitures paynes and penalties, as in this acte and in any proclamation, whiche hereafter shalbe sette forth by auctorite of the same, shal be declared and expressed. And excepte suche personnes, whiche shal offende any proclamation to be made by the kynges highnes, his heires or succellours, for and concerning any kynde of heresies, agaynst christen religion.

Cfurthermore be it enacted by the auctoritee of this present parliament, that to the intent the kynges subiectes shuld not be ignorant of his proclamacions, euery shireffe or other officer and minister, to whom any such proclamation shalbe directed by the kynges writte vnder his great seale, shal proclaim or cause the same to be proclaimed within .xiii. dayes after the recepte therof, in foure seuerall market townes, yf there be so many, or els in fyre other townes places or villages, within the lymittes of their auctorite. And they to cause the same proclamacions to be fixed and set by openly vpon places conuenient in euery such towne place or byllage, vpon payne and penaltie of suche summe and summes of money, or imprisonment of body, as shal be conteyned in the saied proclamation or proclamacions.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that yf any person or persons, of what estate degre or condicion so euer he or they be, which at any time hereafter do wilfully offende and breke, or obstinately not obserue and kepe any suche proclamation, or any article therein conteyned, whiche shal procede from the kynges maiestye, by thaduise of his counsell, as is aforesaid: that then all and euery suche offender or offenders, beyng thereof within one halfe yere next after their or his offence comitted, accused, & thereof within .xviii. monethes nexte after the same offence so conuicted by confession or lawfull witnesse, and proues befoze the archebysshop of Canturbury Metropolitane, the Chauncellour of Englande, the lord treasurer of England, the presidente of the kynges most honorable counsell, the lord priuy seale, the great Chamberlaine of England, lord admirall, lord steward or graund mayster, lord Chamberlayne of the kynges most honorable housholde, two other bishops, being of the kynges counsell suche as his grace shal appoynte for the same, the secretary, the treasurer & controller of the kynges most honorable householde, the mayster of the horse, the two chief iudges, & the master of the Rolles, for the tyme being, the Chancellour of the augmentacions, the Chancellour of the Duchy, the chief baron of theschequer, the two generall surueyors, the chancellour of the eschequer, the vnder Treasurer of the same, the treasurer of the kynges chamber for the tyme beyng, in þe Sterre chamber at westm, or els where: or at the least befoze the halfe of the number afoze reherfed, of which number the
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the lord chauncellour, the lord Tresorer, the lord president of the kinges most
 honorable counsell, the lord Priue seale, the Chamberlayne of Englande,
 the lord admyrall, the two chief Judges for the tyme being, or two of them
 shalbe two: shal lose and pay suche penaltiese for faitures of sumes of mo-
 ney to be leuied of his or their landes tenementes goodes and cattals to the
 kynges vse, and also suffre suche imprisonment of his body, as shal be ex-
 pressed mencioned and declared in any such proclamacion or proclamaciōs
 which such offender or offenders shal offende and breke, or not obserue and
 kepe, contrary to this acte, as is aforesaid. And that execution shalbe had
 done & made against euery suche offender and offenders, with the addicion
 of the names or surnames townes or counties mistery or occupation of the
 sayd offenders, by suche order proces wayes & meanes, & after suche maner
 forme and condicion, as by the kynges highnes, and the sayd counsell shal
 be deuised and thought moste conuenient for example of suche offenders.
¶ Provided alwaye, that none offender, whiche shal offende contrary to
 the forme of any suche proclamacions, shal incurre the danger & penalite
 therof, excepte suche proclamacion or proclamaciōs be had done or made in
 suche shire or county, where thoffender hath or shal dwell or be most couer-
 sant within a yere before. **¶** And be it further enacted by thautozite afoze-
 sayd that the lord chancellour, the lord priue seale, and either of them, with
 thassent of. vi. of the forenamed, shal haue power and autozitee by their
 discrecions, vpon euery informaciō to be geuen to them or to either of them
 touchyng the premysse, to cause proces to be made agaynst all & synghular
 suche offenders, by writtes vnder the kynges great seale, or vnder his gra-
 cis priue seale, in fourme folowyng, that is to saie. *First* by proclamacion
 vnder a peyne or a penalite, by the discrecion of the aforesaid chancellours
 appoynted, for the awardyng of processe, and yf he appere not to the same,
 without a laful excuse, than the said chancellours to awarde out an other
 proclamacion, vppon allegiance of the same offender, for the due examina-
 cion triall and conuiction of euery suche person & persons, as shal offende
 contrary to this acte, for the due execution to be had of and for the same, in
 maner and forme as is aboue remembred. Except it be within the libertie of
 the county palantyne of the duchy of Lancaster. And in case it so be: than to
 passe by the chancelloz of the kinges duchy of Lancaster, vnder y seale of the
 said duchy, with the assent of. vi. at the least of the afozenamed counsellours
¶ Be it also further enacted by thautozity aforesaid, that if any person or
 persons do comitte any offence, contrary to the forme & effecte of this acte,
 and after the same offence done or committed, do obstinately willyngly or co-
 temptuously auoide and depart out of this realme, for and to thentent that
 he wyll not answer to suche offence or offences by hym committed and done,
 contrary to this acte, that than euery such wylfull and contemptuous per-
 son, auoydyng or departyng out of this realme, shal be adiudged a tray-
 tour, and his facte high treason, and shal haue and suffre suche peynes of
 death, and also forfayte goodes and cattals, landes and tenementes, as in
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case of high treason. Sauing to al & singular person & persons, bodies politick & corporate, their heires & successours, & to the heires & successours of euery of them, other than such person and persons, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, that shall offend contrary to this act, and ther vpon obstinately willingly or contemptuously auoid & departe out of this realme, as is aforesaid, all suche ryght tittle ble interest tentes reuerfions remainders lease leases grantes annuities offices common profites commoditees and other hereditamentes what so euer, in & to al and syngular such honours castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, which any suche offender or offenders shall haue at the tyme of his or their offence or offences of treason committed, or at any time after, in such lyke maner forme and condicion, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer ben had or made: any thyng contained in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any person or persons, offending contrary to this acte, do willingly and contemptuously withdraue absent eloine or secretly hyde him selfe within any parte of this realme, or any of the kinges dominions, by the space of two monethes next after any writ of proclamacion shall be made directed & proclaimed against him or them, as aforesaid is reherfed, and therof by any conuenient or reasonable meane may haue knowlege, so that by eloinyng of him selfe, his offence can not be examined tried and iudged within the sayd tyme of .xviii. monethes: that than euery suche person and persons so offendyng, shall stande and be as a person conuicted of thoffences ageynste him objected, and also lose and pay al and euery suche forfaiture, summes of money, and also suffer suche imprisonment as to the same offence shall appertayn.

¶ And be it further enacted, that yf it happen our said soueraygne lord the kyng to deceasse (whose lyfe God longe preferue) before suche tyme as that person, which shall be his next heire or successour to the imperial crown of this realme, shall accomplyshe and come to the age of .xviii. yerres, that than all and syngular proclamacions, whiche shall be in any wise made and set forth in to any part of this realme, or other the kinges dominions, by vertue of this act, within the foresaid yerres of the said next heire or successour, shall be sette forth in the successours name then beyng kyng, and shall impoerte or beare vnder written the ful names of suche of the kinges honorable counsell than beyng, as shall be the diuisors or setters forth of the same, whiche shall be in this case the hole number aforesaid reherfed, or atte the least the moze parte of them, or elles the proclamacions to be voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Provided also, that yf any proclamacion or proclamacions hereafter shall be directed by vertue of this act, to the iustices of the peace of any shire or county that than within .xiii. dayes after the recept therof, the same Justices shall and may by their discretions diuide them selues in sundry partes and places within the limittes of their commission, for the due and speedy exe-

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the execution of the contentes of the same proclamacion or proclamacions, and they and euery of them doyng or causyng to be done with conuenient speede in their sundry lymittes, as muche as in theim reasonable doth lye or rest to be done, for the due and speedy execution of the same proclamacion or proclamacions: than euery such of the same Iustices, as so shall do his diligence, or as much as in him reasonable resteth to be done, shall be discharged and exonerated agens the kynges highnes, his heires and successours of and for euery penalty or peyne, limited and appoynted by the same proclamation to euery of the same iustices.

¶ Provided also, that no Iustices of peace shall be charged hereafter by vertue of any suche proclamacion, with or for any peine or penaltie, for not doyng or executyng of the same proclamacions, but onely in the shyre or countie, where any suche Iustices of peace shall or do inhabyte, dwelle, or be most conuersant or abidyng.

¶ Provided also that the foresaid counsaillours appointed or to be appointed by vertue of this acte, or any parte therto by the kynges hyghnes, his heires or successours, to and for the hering and determination of euery offence, committed contrary to any of his or their proclamacion or proclamacions, shall frome tyme to tyme, knowyng the kynges determinate pleasure first therein, haue full power and auctoritee to diminish or mitigate the penalties of the summe or summes of money, whiche shall be contained in any of the sayd proclamacions hereafter to be made by the kynges highnes his heires or successours.

¶ An acte auctorisynge the kynges highnesse to make bysshoppes by his letters patentes. Cap. ix.



Inasmuche as it is not vnknownen, the slouthfull and vngodly lyfe, which hath ben vsed amonge all those sort, whiche haue borne the name of religious folke, and to thintent that from henceforth many of them might be turned to better vse, as hereafter shall folowe, wherby goddis woide might the better be set forth, children brought vp in lernyng, clerkes nourished in the vniuersities, olde seruantes decayed to haue liuinges, almes houses for pore folke to be sustained in, reders of Grece, Chewe, and latyne, to haue good stipende, daily almes to be ministred, mending of high wayes, exhibicion for ministers of the church. It is thought therfore vnto the kynges highnes most expedient and necessary, that mo byshoppes collegiall and cathedrall churches shall be establisshed in stede of these foresaid religious houses, within the foundation wherof these other titles afore rehearsed, shall be establisshed. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that his hyghnes shall haue full power and auctoritee from tyme to tyme, to declare & nominate by his letters patentes or other writings to

to be made vnder his greatte Seale, suche number of bysshoppes, suche number of cities, sees for byshoppes, cathedrall churches, and dyoces by metes and bondes, for the exercise and ministracion of their episcopall offices and administraction, as shall appertayne, and to endowe theym with suche possessions, after suche maner fourme and condicion, as to his moste excellent wysedome shall be thought necessarye and conueniente. And also shall haue power and auctoritie to make and drysse translations, ordynances rules and statutes, concernyng theym all and euery of theym, and further to do al and euery other thing and thinges, what so euer it be, which shall be deuised and thought requisite conuenient and necessary by his mooste excellent wysedome and discrecion, for the good perfection and accomplisshement of all and singular his saied mooste godly and graicouse purposes and intentes, touchyng the premises, or any other charitable or godly dedes to be deuised by his highnes concernynge the same. And that all and singular such translations nominacions of byshoppes cities sees and limitacion of dioces for byshoppes erections, establisshmentes, foundations, ordynances, statutes, rules, and al and euery other thing and thinges, which shall be deuised compysed and expressed by his graces sundry & seuerall letters patentes or other writynges vnder his great seale, touchyng and concernyng the premises, or any of them, or any circumstances or dependances therof, necessary and requisite for the perfection of the premises, or any of them, shall be of as good strength force valu and effect, to all intentes and purposes, as if suche thinges, that shall so be diuised expressed and mencioned in his letters patentes or other writynges vnder his great seale, had ben done made and had by auctoritee of parliament.

In acte concernyng placynge of the lordes in the parliament chaumber, and other assembles and conferences of counsaile. Capitulo. x.



Enas much as in all great counceils and congregacions of men, hauing sundry degrees and offyces in the common welthe, It is very requisite and conuenient that an order shulde be had and taken for the placynge & sittynge of suche persons as ben bounden to resorte to the same, to the intent that they, knowing their places, may vse the same without displeasure or let of the counsell. Therefore the kynges most roial maiesty, although it appertaineth vnto his prerogatiue royall, to gyue suche honour, reputacion, and placynge to his counsellours, and other his subiectes, as shall be seming to his most excellent wisdom, is neuertheles pleased and contented for an order to be had and taken in this his most high court of parliament, that it shall be enacted by auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme as hereafter foloweth.

Firste it is enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that no persone or persons,

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of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they be of (except onely the kynges chyldren) shall at any tyme hereafter attempte or presume to sitte or haue place at any syde of the clothe of estate in the parliament chamber, no: thereof the one hande of the kynges highnes, no: of the other, whether the kynges maiestie is ther personallly present or absent. And for asinuch as the kynges maiestie is iustly and laufullly supzeme head in erthe vnder god of the church of England, & for the good exercise of the said most royall dignitie & office, hath made Thomas lord Crumwel & lord priuy seale his vicegerent for good & due ministracion of Justice to be had in al causes & cases touching the ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, and for the godly refozmacion & redressse of al errours heresies and abuses in the said church. It is therfore al so enacted by auctozity aforesaid, that the saied lord Crumwell, hauing the saied office of vicegerent, & al other persons, which hereafter shall haue the saied offyce of the graunt of the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, shall sit and be placed aswell in this present parliament, as in al parliaments to be holden hereafter, on the right syde of the parliament chamber, & vpon the same fourme that the archebishop of Canturbury sitteth on, and aboue the same archebishop and his successours, and shall haue voice in euerie parliament to assent or dissent, as other the lordes of the parliament. And it is also enacted, that next to the saied vicegerent shall sit the archebishop of Canturbury: and than nexte him on the same fourm & syde shall sit the archebishop of Yorke: and next to him on the same fourm and syde, the bishop of London: And next to him on the same side and fourme the bishop of Duresme: and next to him on the same syde and fourme the bishop of Winchester, and than all the other bishops of both pzoouinces of Canturbury and Yorke, shall sit and be placed on the same syde after their aunciencies, as it hath ben accustomed.

And for asinuch as such other personages, whiche now haue, and hereafter shall happen to haue other great offices of the realme, that is to say, the offices of the lord Chancellor, the lord Treasurer, the lord President of the kynges most honozable counsell, the lord priuy seale, the great Chamberlayn of England, the Constable of England, the Marcial of England, the lord Admirall, the Grand master or lord Steward of the kynges most honozable household, the kynges Chamberlaine, and the kynges Secretory haue not heretofore bene appointed and ordred for the placing and sitting in the kynges most hyghe court of parliament by reason of their offices. It is therfore now ordeined and enacted by thauctozitie aforesaid, that the lord Chancellor, the lord treasurer, the lord president of the kynges council, & the lord priuy seale, beyng of the degre of barons of the parliament or aboue shall sit and be placed as well in this present parliament, as in al other parliaments hereafter to be holden, on the left syde of the saied parliament chamber, on the hygher part of the fourme of the same syde aboue all Dukes, except only such as shall happen to be the kynges sonne, the kynges brother the kynges vncle, & kynges neuew, or & kynges brothers or sisters sonnes. And

And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctoritee aforesayed, that the great Chamberlayn, the Constable, the Marciail, the lord Admirall, the great Mayster or lord Steward, and the kynges Chamberlayn, shall sytte and be places after the lord Priuie seale, in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saie, euery of them shall sytte and be placed aboue all other personages beyng of the same estates or degrees, that they shall happen to be of, that is to saie, the great Chamberlayne, fyrste: the Constable next, the Marciail thirde: the lord Admirall the fourth: the graund Mayster or lord Steward the fyfte, and the kynges Chamberlayn the syxte.

And it is also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the kynges chiefe Secretory, beyng of the degree of a baron of the parliamente, shall sytte and be placed afoze and aboue all barons, not hauynge any of the offyces afoze mencioned. And if he be a bysshop, that than he shall sytte and be placed aboue all other bysshoppes, not hauynge any of the offyces aboue re-membred.

And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that all dukes, not afoze mencioned, marquesses, erles, vicountes, and barons, not hauynge any of the offyces aforesaid, shall syt and be placed after their auncientes, as it hath ben accustomed.

And it is further enacted, that if any person or persons, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall happen to haue any of the said offyces of lord Chancellor, lord Treasurer, lord Presidente of the kynges counsell, lord Priuie seale, or chiefe Secretory, shall be vnder the degree of a baron of the parliament, by reason wherof they can haue no interest to gyue any assente or dissent in the said house, that then in euery suche case, suche of them as shall happen to be vnder the said degree of a baron, shall sytte and be placed at the vppermoste parte of the sakes, in the myddes of the said parliament chamber, eyther there to sytte vpon one fourme, or vpon the vppermost sacke, the one of them aboue the other in order, as is aboue reherfed.

Be it also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that in all trialles of treasons by peeres of this realme, if any of the peeres that shall be called hereafter to be triours of such treasons, shall happen to haue any of the offyces aforesaid: that then they, hauynge suche offyces, shall sytte and be placed accordyng to theyr offyces, aboue all the other peeres, that shall be called to suche trials, in maner and fourme as is aboue mencioned and reherfed.

And it is also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that as well in all parliamentes, as in the Sterre chaumber, and in all other assemblies and conferences of counsaile, the lord Chauncellour, the lord Treasurer, the lord Presidente, the lord Priuie seale, the great Chamberlayn, the Constable, the Marciail, the lord Admirall, the Graund mayster or lord Steward, the kynges Chamberlayn, and the kynges chiefe Secretory shall sytte and be placed in suche order and faccon as is aboue reherfed, and not in any other place, by auctoritee of this present acte.

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An acte auctozysyng the kynges highnes newely to allotte certayne towneshipes in Wales. Cap. xi.



Where in the parliament begunne & holden at London the .iii. dai of Nouember, in the .xvi. yere of the reigne of our most dread souerayn lord kyng HENRY the. viii. & from thens adiurned to Westm, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogacions vnto the. iiii. day of February, in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our said souerayn lord, and than and ther holden and continued vnto the dissolucion therof, one acte and ordinance was made in the session of the said parliament, holden the saied. iiii. daie of February, whereby amonges diuers other thinges, diuers shires and countiees were newly made and named within the dominio and principallite of Wales, and diuers townes parishes lordships commotes and cantredes within the sayd dominion and principallite were allotted apoynted and limited to the saied seuerall shires and countiees, as by the same acte moze playnely and particularly among other thinges appereth. And forasmuch as by credible informacio it was comen in to the kinges knowlege, after the making of the said act, that some lordships townes parishes comots hūdrades & candredes were not in differently allotted & limited to the shires named in the said act, for the comoditie of the kinges subiectes inhabited therein. It was therfore ordeined and enacted by auctozite of the parliament holdē at Westm the. viii. day of June, in the .xxviii. yere of the kynges reigne, that the kynges highnes, during the tyme of. iii. yeres next after the ende of the same parliament, shuld haue power & auctozitee by wyting vnder his great seale, to allot appoynt assigne and limite to euery of the shires named in the sayed acte, such and so many lordships townes parishes hamlettes hundredes commotes and cantredes, as his maiesty by his mozte high wisedome shulde thynke conuenient and agreable, for the ease and commoditie of his louyng subiectes the inhabitantes of his sayd dominion & principallite. And shulde likewise haue power and auctozitee, to name and assigne the shire townes in euery of the saied shires, named in the said acte. And that euery such limittacion appointment nominacion and assignement to be made by the kinges highnes in that behalfe, by auctozitee of the said acte, shuld be as good and effectuell to all intentes & purposes, as though it had ben don, and made, plainly & ptycularly by auctozitee of parliament, any thing contained in the said act, in the session of the saied parliament holden the. iiii. day of February, in the .xxvii. yere, or any thing or thinges to the contrary therof not withstanding. And forasmuch as the tyme of. iii. yeres limited to the kinges maiesty by the sayd act, made in the .xxviii. yere of his graces reigne, is nighe expired, & his highnes hath had such great affaires, & vrgēt causes to do, cōcerning the state and welth of this realme, that by occasion therof his maiesty hath had no cōuenient tyme nor leysure, to accōplishe & execute the power & auctozitee committed to his highnes by the said acte, made in the sayde. .xxviii. yere of his reigne. Be it therfore enacted by auctozitee of this p̄sent p̄liamēt, that

that his maiesty, durynge the space of other.iii.yeres, next after the fyrst day of this present parliament, shal haue lyke power & auctorite, to do vse execute and accomplishe all and euery thyng and thinges limited & apointed to his maiesty to be done vsed and accomplisshed by the same act, made in the said.xxviij.yere of his graces reigne, in as large and ample maner, in euery condicio, as his maiesty mought haue done vsed and accomplisshed within the said tyme of thye yerres, limited by the same act, as is aforesaid. And that euery such limitacion appoyntment nominacio & assignemēt to be made by the kynges highnes in that behalfe, by auctorite of this present act, during the space of the sayd other.iii.yeres, next after the first day of this present parliament, shalbe as good & effectual, to al intentes & purposes, as though it had ben done & made plainly and particularly by auctorite of parliament.

CAn acte concernynge wrongfull takynge of haukes egges & birdes out of the nest, finding & taking bp of the kinges haukes, hunting in the kynges forest parke or chafe or other ground inclosed, & killynge of conyes within any lawfull warren of the kynges. Cap.xii.

Vhere in the parlyament holden at westm, the. xi. yere of the regne of the noble prince of famous memoꝝ kyng Henry the vii. it was ordeined, and amongest other thinges enacted & established, that no man of what condicion or degre so euer he be, shuld take or cause to be take the egges of any faucon goshaue or laner out of the nest, bp on peyn of imprisonmēt by one yere, & further to fyne at the kynges will. Not withstandynge which estatute diuers idel & ill disposed persōs, litel or nothing regarding or fearing the peyn in the same estatute cōteined, haue not desisted to take egges of faucons goshaues & laners out of the nestes, to þ vtter distruccio of thencease of þ same faucons goshaues & laners, if due refozmacio in that behalfe be not pꝛouided. In consideracion wherof it is ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our souerain lord, the lordes spiritual & tēporal, & the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritee of the same þ if any person or persōs of what estate degre or cōdicio so euer he or they be, after the feast of the natiuitie of our Lady next cōming, vnlawfully or wꝛongfully take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon goshaue or laner, or the birdes of any faucon goshaue laner or laner, oute of or fꝛome any neste or nestes of any faucon goshaue or laner, within any of the honours castels maners landes tētes woodes or other groudes what so'euer thei be, of the kynges highnes for þ tyme being, wherof his said highnes is seised in demain possession or reuerſio, or wherof he taketh the rētes issues reuenues or profitis that than the same offence and offences, & euery of them, shalbe adiudged and taken to be felony, and the offender and offenders therein, being therof lawfully conuicted & atapnted, by & accordynge to the lawes of this realme, shalbe demed & iudged felons, & shal haue & suffre suche peynes of deathe

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and also lose and forsaite their goodes and cattalles, landes, and tenementes, as in case of felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme. **¶** Provided alwayes, that this act or any thing therein before ordeined and enacted, extende not, nor be in any wyse prejudicial or hurtfull to any persō or persons; whiche after the said feast of the natiuitie of our lady, shal take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon, goshaue, or laner, or the byrdes of any faucon, goshaue, laner, or laneret, out of or from any nestle or nestes of any faucon, goshaue, or laner, within any honours castelles manours landes tenementes woodes or other groundes, wherof or wherin any person or persons, bodie politike and corporat, other than the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, or any of them, than shal haue any estate of inheritaunce: any thyng before expessed or mencioned to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any person or persons, after the said feast of the natiuitie of our lady, happen to finde and take by any faucon, gerfaucon, Jerkin, sacre, or sacret, goshaue, laner, or laneret, beyng the kynges haue or haukes, & haupng by him or them the marke of the kynges armes and veruels: that then if the same personne or personnes, whiche shal fynde and take by any suche faucon, gerfaucon, ierkin, sacre or sacret, goshaue, laner, or laneret, within .xii. daies next after the takyng by of any suche haue, do not byng or cause to be brought the same haue so by him taken, to the maister of the kynges haukes, or to some of his graces fauconets, or within the tyme next abovesaid, do not geue knowlege of the taking by of any such haue to the said maister of the kynges haukes for the tyme beyng, or to the Chireffe of the Chire, for the tyme beyng; where any suche haue shal be taken by, or to some of the kynges fauconets for the tyme beyng nere abyding in or to any suche partes, where any such haue shalbe founden and taken by, as is aforesaid: that than every suche fyndyng and takyng by of any such haue, and not byngyng nor geuyng knowlege therof, as is aforesaid, shalbe adiudged & taken to be felony: and the offender and offenders therein, being therof lawfully convicted and attaynted, by & according to the lawes of this realme shal haue and suffre suche peines of deth and also lose and forsaite his and their goodes and cattalles landes and tenementes, as in case of felony by the course of the comon lawes of this realme.

¶ Provided alwayes, that this acte nor any thing therein conteyned, be or shal be in any wyse prejudicial or hurtfull, to any person or persons; that hereafter shal fynde and take by any of the said haukes of the kyng our souerayne lord his heires or successours, & by chance negligently or casually agaynst his or their wyll, lose the same haue or haukes: or yf the same haue dye agaynst his or their wyll, before they can or maie deliuer the same haue, as is aforesaid.

¶ And where also iustice and equitie requyret, that every inheritor and possessor of manours landes or tenementes within this realme of Eng-

lande,

lande, shuld according to theyr estates or possessions peasibly and quietly haue take and enioy the profites reuenues and comodities of the same, as well in thynges of highe pleasure, as in thynges comonly valuable, without iniurie rapine or other extort wronge to be committed and done to any of them, within or vpon the same, & in especial of & in thinges of plesure, as in huntynge within focest parke or chase of the kynges, the quenes, the princis or of any other of the kynges laufull childerne for the tyme beyng, or depnyed and prouided for or concernynge his highnes, or their pleasure: Be it therfore ordeined and enacted by thautortie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they be, after the sayde feast of the Natiuitie of our lady next comynge, at any tyme of the day, that is to say, betwene the tyme of the arisyng of the sonne, and going downe of the same, with his face hydde or couered with hooode or bysar, or with his face peynted, or hym selfe otherwise disguised, to thentent that he wold not be knowe, wrongfully enter into any focest park or chase of the kynges highnes, the quenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges said childeren for the tyme being, or into any other ground of his or theirs, inclosed with wall or pale, or depnyed and bled for keepynge and nourishynge of dere, to thentent to steale any of the same dere, and by any mean of huntynge or otherwise, as is aforesaid, by stealth slea or take any of the same dere, or driue or chase any of them out of the same focest chase parke, or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, or depnyed and bled for keepynge and nourishynge of dere, as is aforesaid, to thentent to steale the same dere. And if any person, after the said feast last before remembred, at any tyme of the day as is aforesaid, with his face hidde or couered with hooode or bysar, or with his face peynted, or hym selfe otherwise disguised, to thentent that he wold not be knowne, take kyll or slee with any hey or other nette, or with any firrette or pursnet, any of the conies or rabbettes, beyng within any ground soyle or place, beyng laufull warren of the kynges hyghnes, the quenes, the princis, or of any other the kynges said childeren, for the tyme being, and beyng kepte or bled as warren for the mayntenaunce and nourishynge of conies and rabbettes, or in fourme aforesayde, take kyll or slee any conies or rabbettes, beyng within any of the kynges parkes, his heires and successours or within any parke of the quenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges said childeren for the tyme being. Except it be suche person or persones, as hath or shall haue the sayed conies and rabbettes in ferme, or shalbe licenced by the writynge of the kyng, the quene, the prince, or of any other of the kynges said childeren, so to do: And if after the sayd feast any person or persons, at any tyme in the nyght, that is to say, betwene the tyme of the gopyng downe of the sonne, and arisyng of the same, wrongfully enter into any focest chase parke or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, of the kynges hyghnes, the quenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges said childeren for the tyme being, inclosed, or depnyed & bled for the keepynge and nourishynge of dere, to thentent to slee steale and take any of the dere of the

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the said forest chace or parke, or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, or detained and bled for the fyndyng of dere, or by any meane of huntynge or other wyse, to thentent to steale at any tyme of the nyght, as is aforesaid, flee or take any of the deere beyng in the same: or by any meane in the sayd nyght tyme, chace or dnye out of any such forest chace parke or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, of the kynges, his heires and successours, or of the quenes the princis, or of any other of the kynges said children, for the tyme being, any of the dere of the same, to thentent to steale the same deere: Or at any tyme of the night aboue wyten, take kyl or flee with any hey or other net, or with any fyret or pursnet, any of the conies or rabbettes in any ground or soile, being a lafull free warren of the kinges highnes for the tyme being, and beyng krypt and bled as a warren, as is aforesaid, or take kyl or flee in forme next aforesaid any conies or rabbettes, in any of the parkes of the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, or of the quenes, the princis, or of any other of the kinges said children for the tyme being. Except he or they that shal so offend, hath or shall haue the same conies in ferme, or otherwise licenced, as is aforesaid: that than euery suche offender and offenders for their offences, by them or any of them committed and done, contrary to the purport and effect of this act, shall be demed adiudged & taken as a felon, and euery such offence by any of them committed & done, contrary to this act, as is aforesaid, shalbe demed and adiudged felony. And that euery suche offender and offenders, which shall be therof conuicted and attepynted, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, shall haue and suffer suche lyke punishment, and incurre such losses and forfaytures for the same, as ben ordained for other felons by the common lawes of this realme.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no manner of person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, shall hereafter be made, demed, or taken by any maner of meane, as accessory or accessories to any offender or offenders, offending in any thing contrary to the tenour and effect of this acte, or of any article or clause therein cōtained, but onely suche person and persons as shall hereafter abbet and procure any suche offender or offenders, to committe and do any offence contrary to this acte, whiche person and persons so abbetting and procuring any offender or offenders, to comitte and do any offence contrary to the tenour and effecte of this acte, shall after the same offence done, by the auctorite aforesaid, be adiudged demed and taken as accessory and accessories in lyke manner, as in cases of felony at the common lawe.

¶ Provided alway, that any word article clause sentence forfayture paine or punishment in this acte befoze expressed and declared, shall not in any wyse extend to any person or persons, that shall hunt take kyll or flee any dere conies or rabbetes by day or nyght, contrary to this act in any chaces forestes or warrens of the kynges, the quenes, the princis, or of any other the kynges said children, set lyeng and being within his graces dominion of wales, or in the borders agens Scotlande, the foreste of Snowden in wales

waales onely excepted: any thyng in this acte befoze declared and mencio-
wed to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

Prouided alway, that this acte oꝝ any thyng thetyn conteyned, extende
not to any persone oꝝ persones, whiche shall not be lausfully indited of any
offence in this acte conteyned within one yere next after any such offence co-
mitted oꝝ done: This act oꝝ any thyng thetyn conteyned to the contrarye
not withstandyng.

An act wherby al manours landes pꝛofites and hereditamentes belongyng to any the
monasteries oꝝ other religious houses dissolued, oꝝ hereafter by any meane to be dissol-
ued, are assured to the kynges hyghnesse his heires and successours foꝝ euer. And
howe and in what wyse leasses and grauntes heretofore made oꝝ hereafter
to be made of them oꝝ any part of them shall take effecte. Cap. xiiii.



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other ecclesiastical gouernours & gouernesses of diuers mona-
steries abbathies pꝛioꝛies nōtries collegis hospitals houses
of friers, and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and
places, within this our soueraygne loꝛde the kinges realme
of Englande and waales, of their owne free and voluntary
myndes, good wylls, and assentes, withoute constrainte coaction oꝝ com-
pulsion of any maner of persone oꝝ persons sithen the. iiii. day of februa-
ry, the. xxvii. yere of the raygne of our now most dꝛad soueraigne loꝛde, by
the dewe oꝛder and course of the common lawes of this his realme of En-
glande, and by their sufficiente wꝛitynges of recoꝛde vnder their couent &
common seales, haue seuerally gyuen, graunted and by the same their wꝛi-
tinges seuerally confyrmēd all their saied monasteries abbathies pꝛioꝛies
nōtries colleges hospitals houses of friers, and other religious and eccle-
siastical houses and places, and all their sites circuites and pꝛocynctes of
the same, and all and syngular their manours loꝛdshypps granges meales
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chises appertainyng oꝝ in any wise belongyng to any such monastērie ab-
bathie pꝛioꝛie nōtrie college hospitall house of friers, and other religyous
and ecclesiastical houses & places oꝝ to any of them, by what so euer name
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oꝛder habite religion, oꝝ other kynde oꝝ qualitee so euer they oꝝ any of them
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seruices, and all other the pꝛemissies, to our saied soueraigne loꝛde: his hey-
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priories nories colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places sites circutes pzoicinctes manours lordships graunges meases landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices and other the pzemisses, voluntarily as is aforesaid, haue renounced lefte and forsaken, and euery of them hath renounced lefte and forsaken. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, & the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this pzent parliament assembled and by auctozitee of the same, that the king our souerayn lord shall haue holde possede and enioye to him his heires and successours for euer, all and singular suche late monasteries abbathies priories nories colleges hospitals houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, of what kyndes natures qualitees or diuersities of habites rules professions or orders they or any of them were named known or called, which syth the saied. iiii. day of february, the .xxv. yere of the reygne of our said soueraygne lord, haue ben dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished forsaited gyuen vp, or by any other meane come to his hyghnes, and by the same auctozitee, and in like maner shall haue hold possede and enioye all the sites circutes pzoicinctes manours lordshippes granges meases landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices woddess tithes pensions porcions personages appropried vicarages churches chappelles aduousons nominacions patronages annuitees rightes interestes entrees condicions commons letes courttes libertees priuileges franchises and other what so euer hereditamentes, which apperteyned or belonged to the said late monasteries abbathies priories nories colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious or ecclesiasticall houses and places, or to any of them, in as large and ample maner and forme as the late abbottes priours abbesses prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of suche late monasteries abbathies priories nories colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, had helde or occupied, or of ryghte oughte to haue had holden or occupied in the ryght of the said late monasteries abbathies priories nories colleges hospitalles houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, at the tyme of the saied dissolution suppression renouncyng relinquishyng forsaytyng gyuyng vp, or by any other maner of meane comynge of the same to the kynges hyghnes sythen the. iiii. day of february aboue specified.

¶ **A N D** it is further enacted by the auctozitee aboue saied, that not onely all the saied late monasteries abbathies priories nories colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places sites circutes pzoicinctes manours lordshippes graunges meases landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices and all other the pzemisses, forthwith immediately and presentely, but also all other monasteries abbathies priories nories colleges hospitals houses of friers and al other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, which hereafter shall

shall happen to be dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by, or by any other meane come vnto the kynges highnes, and also all the citees, circuits, p[ro]uincies, manours lordshippes, granges, meses, landes tenementes, medowes, pastures, reues, reuercions, seruices, woodes, tythes, pensions, porcions, personages appropriate, vicarages, churches, chappels, aduousons, nominacions, patronages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, condicions, commons, leetes, courtes, libertees, priuileges, franchises, and other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, belöging or appertaining to the same, or to any of theym, whan so euer & as sone as thei shalbe so dissolued suppressed renüced relinquished forfeited geuen by or by any other meane come vnto þ kynges highnes, shalbe bested demed & adiudged by auctorite of this p[re]sent parliamēt, in þ very actual & real session and possession of the kyng our said soueraigne lord his heires and successours for euer, in the state and condicion as they now be, & as though all the said late monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and al other religious and ecclesiastical houses & places so dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by or come to the kynges highnes, as is aforesaid, as also the said monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by or come vnto the kynges highnes sites circuits p[ro]uincies manours lordships graunges landes tenementes and other the p[re]misses, what so euer they be, and euery of them were in this p[re]sent act specially and particularly reherfed named and exp[re]ssed by exp[re]sse wordes names titles and facultees, and in theyr natures kyndes and qualitees.

¶ And be it also enacted by th[a]uctoritee aforesaid, that all the said late monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other religious & ecclesiastical houses and places, which ben dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished g[iv]en by, or come to the kynges highnes by any maner of meanes as is aforesaid, and al the manours lordships granges landes tenementes & other the p[re]misses (except such therof as be come to the kynges handes by attender or atteinders of treason) And all the said monasteries abbathies priories nories colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, which hereafter shall happen to be dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by, or come vnto the kynges highnes, & al the manours lordships granges landes tenementes medowes pastures reues reuercions seruices woodes tithes porcions pensions personages appropriate vicarages churches chappels aduousons no[n]ciations patronages annuities rightes interestes entrees condicions commons leetes courtes liberties priuileges franchises & other hereditamentes what so euer they be, belöging to þ same or to any of the (except such therof, which shal happē to come to þ kynges highnes by attender or atteinders of treason) shalbe in the order suruey & gouernāce of our said soueraigne

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raigne lord the kynges courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the chancellour officers and ministers of the same. And all the fermes issues reuenues and profittes, commynge and growyng of the premysse, and of euery parte therof (except before except) shall be ordered taken and receyued to the kynges vse by the sayde chauncellour ministers and officers of the same court, in such and lyke maner and fourme as the monasteries, priories, sites, circutes, manours, granges, meues, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuerfions, seruices, tithes, pensions, portions, aduoufions, patronages, ryghtes, entrees, condicions, and other hereditamentes late appertaynyng or belongyng vnto the monasteries abbathies priories or other religious houses, late by auctorite of parliament suppressed, bene ordered surueyed and gouerned. Sauyng to all and euery person and persons and bodies politike and their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of all and euery of theym, other than the sayde late abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the sayd late monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and their successours, and the successour of euery of them, and such as pretende to be founders patrones or donours of such monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours mesuages landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, belongyng to the same, or to any of theym, thei heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery such founder patron or donour, and the now abbottes priours abbesses prioresses and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of such monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished forsaitted geuen by or com to the kynges highnes, and such as pretend to be founders patrons or donors of such monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours mesuages landes tenementes or other hereditamentes to the same belongyng, or to any of them, thei heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of theym, all such right title clayme interest possession rentes charges annuites leases fermes, offices, fees, liueries and lyuynges, portions, pensions, cozrodies, commons synodes priories and other profittes, whiche they or any of them, haue clayme ought may or myght haue had in or to the premysse, or to any parte or parcell therof, in such lyke maner fourme and condicion, to all intents respectes constructions & purposes, as if this act had neuer ben had ne made, rentes seruices, rentes secke, and all other seruices and suites onely except.

¶ Provided always and be it enacted by the auctoritee abovesaid, that yf any late abbot priour abbess prioress or other ecclesiasticall gouernour or gouer-

gouvernesse abovesaid, within one yere next befoze the dissolucion suppress-
 sion renouncynge relinquisshynge forsaityng giuyng by or comynge to the
 kynges hyghnes of his late monastery abbathie prioie nonry college hos-
 pital house friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, hath
 made any lease or graunt vnder his couent or common seale, or other wyse,
 for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, of the syte, circuite, and pzoyncte of
 his saied late monastery, abbathie, prioie, nonry, college, hospital, house of
 friers or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, or of any part ther
 of, or of any manours, mesuages, graunges, landes, tenementes, perso-
 nages appropiate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes,
 whiche belonged or appertained to his saied late monastery abbathie prioie
 nonry college hospitall house of friers or other religious or ecclesiastical
 house or place, whiche manours, mea. uages, graunges, landes, tenemen-
 tes, personages appropiate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other heredita-
 mentes were not befoze the same lease comonly vled to be let nor let to ferme,
 but kept and reserued in the manurance tyllage or occupation of the saied
 gouernour or gouernesse, for the mayntenaunce of hospitalitie and good
 house keepynge; or within one yere, as is abovesaid, hath made any lease or
 graunt for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres, of any manours, mesuages
 landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures woddes, personages appropiate,
 tythes, pencions, porcions churches, chappelles, or other hereditamentes,
 what so euer they be, wherof or in the whiche any estate or interest for terme
 of lyfe, yere or yeres, at the tyme of makynge of any suche graunt or lease,
 than hadde his beyng or continnaunce, and than was not determined, fy-
 nished, or expyred, or within the tyme of one yere, as is abovesaid, hath
 made any lease or graunt for terme of life, or for terme of yeres of any ma-
 nours, mesuages, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, per-
 sonages appropiate, tythes, pencions, porcions, churches, chapelles, or
 other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, vppon the whiche leases and
 grauntes, the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to be yelden
 and reserued by the space of. xx. yeres nexte befoze the firste daye of this
 present parliamente is and be not therbyppon reserued and holden: Or if
 any suche gouernour or gonernesse hath made any bargaine or sale of
 his woodes, within one yere, as is afoze limited, whiche woodes be yet
 growynge and standynge, that than all and euery suche lease graunt bar-
 gain and sale of woode or woodes, shall be vtterlie voyde, and of none
 effecte.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that all feoffementes fy-
 nes and recoueries, had made, knowledged, or suffered by any gouernour
 or gouernesse, without the kinges licence vnder his great seale, within one
 yere next befoze the dissolucion, renouncynge, relinquisshynge, forsa-
 itynge, giuyng by, or comynge vnto the kinges highenesse, of his
 saied monasterie, abbathie, prioie, nonrie, college, hospitall, howse of
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noꝝ, meases, landes, tenemētes, oꝝ other hereditamētes, what so euer they be, whiche the saied late abbot, prioure, abbesse, prioꝛesse, and other ecclesiasticall gouernoure and gouernesse, oꝝ any of theym, oꝝ any of their predecessours hadde oꝝ helde of the gifte, graunte, oꝝ confirmation of oure saied soueraygne loꝛd, oꝝ of any of his highenesse progenitours, oꝝ of the whiche monasteries, abbathies, prioꝛies, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, howses of friers, oꝝ other religious and ecclesiasticall houses, oꝝ places, our saied soueraygne loꝛd was founder oꝝ patron, oꝝ whiche manoures, meases, landes, tenementes, oꝝ other hereditamentes were of the auncient oꝝ olde foundation oꝝ possession of the saied late monasteries, abbathies, prioꝛies, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, howses of fryers, oꝝ other religious oꝝ ecclesiasticall houses oꝝ places, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

And it is further enacted by thautoꝛitee abouesayde, that yf any abbot, priour, abbesse, prioꝛesse, oꝝ other ecclesiasticall gouernour oꝝ gouernesse of any monasterie, abbathie, prioꝛie, nonrie, colledge, hospitall, house of friers, oꝝ other religious oꝝ ecclesiasticall howse oꝝ place, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renunced, relinquished, foꝛsapted, gyuen by, oꝝ come to the kynges hyghnesse within one yere nexte befoꝛe the fyrst daie of this present parliament haue made oꝝ hereafter do make any lease oꝝ grant vnder his couent oꝝ common seale, oꝝ other wise foꝛ terme of yeres, oꝝ lyfe oꝝ lyues, of the site circuite and pꝛocincte of his saied monastery abbathie prioꝛie nonrie colledge hospitall howse of friers, oꝝ other religious oꝝ ecclesiastical house oꝝ place, oꝝ of any part therof, oꝝ of any manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tithes, pensions, poꝛcions, oꝝ other hereditamentes belongyng oꝝ apperteynyng to his saied monasterie, abbathie, prioꝛie, nonrie, college, hospitalle, house, of friers, oꝝ other religious oꝝ ecclesiastical house oꝝ place, whiche manours, meases, graunges, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensions, poꝛcions, oꝝ other hereditamentes, what soo euer they be, were not befoꝛe the same lease commonly vsed to be sette noꝛ lette to ferme, but kept and reserued in the manurance tyllage oꝝ occupation of the saied gouernour oꝝ gouernesse foꝛ the mayntenaunce of hospitalitee, and good howse keepyng, oꝝ now be in the manurance tyllage oꝝ occupation of the saied gouernours oꝝ gouernesse foꝛ the mayntenance of hospitalitie and good howse keepyng, oꝝ within oone yere nexte befoꝛe the fyrste daie of this presente Parliamente, hath made, oꝝ hereafter shall make any lease oꝝ graunte foꝛ terme of lyfe, oꝝ foꝛ terme of yeres, of any manours, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensions, poꝛcions, churches, chapelles, oꝝ other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, whereof and in the whiche any estate oꝝ intereste foꝛ terme of lyfe, yere oꝝ yeres, atte the tyme of the makynge of any suche graunte oꝝ lease than hadde his beynge oꝝ continuance, oꝝ hereafter shall haue his beynge oꝝ continuance,
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and than was not determined synpshed or expired, or at the tyme of any suche lease to be made shall not be determined synpshed or expired, or within one yere nexte befoze the fyrste day of this presente parliamente, hath made or hereafter shall make any lease or graunte for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres, of any manours, meluages, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woddes, personages appropriate, tythes, penyons, portions, churches, chapels, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, upon the whiche leases and grauntes, the vsualle and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to be yelden and reserued by the space of .xx. yeres nexte befoze the sayd fyrst day of this present parlyament is or be not, or hereafter shall not be therupon reserued and yelden: Or if any suche gouernour or gouernesse of any suche monastery, abbathye, priory, nonry, colledge, hospitalle, howse of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place whiche hereafter shall happen to be dyssoled, suppressed, renounced, relinqyshed, forfaited, gyuen vppc, or comine to the kynges highenesse, within one yere nexte befoze the fyrste day of this presente parlyamente, hath made, or hereafter shall make any bargayne or sale of his woddes, whiche woddes be yet growynge and standynge, that than all and euery suche lease graunt bargayne and sale of wodde or woddes, shall be vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

¶ And it is also enacted by thauctozitie aforesaid, that all feoffementes fines and recoueryes hadde, made, knowleged, or suffered, within oone yere nexte befoze the fyrste day of this presente parliamente, or hereafter to be hadde made knowleged or suffered by any gouernour or gouernesse of any monasterye, abbathye, priory, nonry, college, hospitalle, howse of friers, or other relygyouse or ecclesiastycall howse or place, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dyssoled, suppressed, renounced, relinqyshed, forfaited gyuen vpppe, or comine to the kynges highnesse, withoute the kynges lycence vnder his greatte seale, of any manours, meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, what soo euer they be, whiche the saied abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed relinqyshed forfaited gyuen vp or come vnto the kinges highnes, as is aforesaid, or any of theim, or any of their predecessours hadde or helde, or haue and holde of the gifte, graunte, or confirmation of oure saied soueraigne lord, or of any of his highenesse progenitours, or of the whiche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitalles, howses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical howses or places, oure sayde soueraygne lord is founder or patrone, or whiche manours, meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, were or be of the auncient or olde foundation or possession of the saied monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, howses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical houses or places, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

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Prouided alway, & be it enacted by auctorite abouesayd, that if any abbot priour abbesse or prioress, or other gouernour or gouernesse abouesayd, within one yere next befoze the fyrste date of this present parliament, or yf any late abbote, priour, abbesse, prioress, or other late gouernour or gouernesse abouesayd, within one yere next befoze any such dissolution, suppression, renouuncyng, relinquishyng, forsaityng, giuyng vpp, or commyng to the kynges highenesse of the premises, or of any parcell thereof, as is aforesaid, haue made any demyse, lease, or graunte, to any person or persones for terme of yeres, of any manours, meases, landes, tenementes, personages appropiate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes aforesaid, whiche persone or persones at the tyme of the said demyse, lease, or graunte, hadde and helde the same to ferme for terme of yeres than not expired: that thanne the said persone or persones, to whome any suche demyse, lease, or graunte hath been soo made shall haue and holde the same for the terme of. xxi. yeres oonely frome the tyme of the makyng of the said demyse, lease, or graunt, yf so many yeres be by the same demyse lease or graunte specified limited and expessed, or els for so many yeres as in suche demyse lease or graunt ben expessed, so that the olde rent be ther vpon referued, and so that the same lease or leases excede not. xxi. yeres. This acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thauctorite abouesaid, that if any abbote priour abbesse prioress, or other late gouernour or gouernesse within one yere next befoze any suche dissolution suppression renouuncyng, relinquishyng forsaityng giuyng vpp or commyng vnto the kynges highenesse of the premises, or of any parcell thereof, as is aforesaid, haue made any demyse lease or graunt to any person or persones for terme of lyfe or lyues of any manours meases landes tenementes personages appropiate tythes pensions porcions, or other hereditamentes aforesaid, which person or persons or any of them, at the tyme of the said demyse lease or graunte hadde and helde the same for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, than not expired: that thanne the sayde person or persons, to whom any suche lease or graunte hath bene so made, shall haue and holde the same for terme of theyr lyfe or lyues, so that the olde rent be there vpon referued: This acte or any other thyng therein conteyned to the contrary thereof not withstandyng.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that all and singular leases and grauntes, made by coppy to any person or persons of any of the sayde messuages, landes, tenementes, personages appropiate, tythes, pensions, porcions, or other hereditamentes aforesaid, for terme of lyfe or lyues, whiche by the custome of the countrey, hath bene vsed to be demysed, letten, or graunted by coppy of courtte rolle, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe, so that the olde rent be referued by and vpon euery suche lease and leases: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the

to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

Prouided alwaie and be it further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaid, that all leases heretofore made of any the premises by auctoritee of oure soueraygne lord the kynges courte of augmentacions, of the reuenues of his crowne, and all such leases feoffementes and woode sales, made by the said gouernours or gouernesses, or any of theym, vnder their couent seales, or vnder the couent or common seale of any of theym, within one yere nexte befoze the dissolucion suppression renunshyng relinqyshyng forsaytyng gyuyng by or comynge to the kynges highnes, of the said monasteries abbathies priories nontries colleges hospitalles houses of friers or other religious or ecclesiastycall houses or places, whiche sayed leases grauntes feoffementes & woode sales haue ben examined enrolled decreed or affirmed in our sayd soueraygne lord the kynges court of augmentacions, and the decree of the same put in wrytyng, sealed with the seale of the said courte of augmentacions, shall be good and effectuell accordyng to the same decree: any clause or acte, heretofore in this present acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

Prouided alwaie and be it also further enacted by thauctoritee abovesaid, that if any persone or persones haue iustely and truely, withoute fraude or couyn, payed or gyuen any summe or summes of money to any the said late gouernours or gouernesses, for the bargaine and sale of any woodes, beyng and growyng in or vppon any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whiche apperteyned or belonged to the said late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nontries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall places or vnto any of them whiche bargayne and sale, by auctoritee of this acte, is made voyde and of none effecte, and by meane therof the kynges highnes may haue and take the comoditie and profite of suche woodes, so bargayned and solde: that then the Chauncellour and other officers of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynges courte of augmentacions, or thre of theym, wherof the Chauncellour for the tyme beyng shall be one, of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynges tresoure, remainyng in the tresoure of the same court, shall satisfie and recompence euery suche persone and persones, suche summe of moneye, or other recompence, as the same Chauncelloure and officers, or thre of theym, whereof the said Chauncellour shall be one, shall thynke mete and conuenient. And yf any other person or persones, shall happen to take profite and comoditie, by reason of auoyng of suche wood sales by auctoritee of this acte, that then euery personne and persones, whiche maie or shall take suche profite, shall be ordered for satisfaction to be made to the parties, that shall happen to be greued by this acte, by the sayed Chauncelloure and other the officers of the same courte.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by thauctoritee abovesaid, that all and euery person and persons their heires and assignes, whiche sithen

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the saied.iiii.day of februarye, by lycence, pardone confirmation release assente oꝛ consent of our saied soueraygne loꝛde the kyng, vnder his great seale heretofore gyuen had oꝛ made, oꝛ hereafter to be had oꝛ made, haue obtained oꝛ purchased by indenture fyne feoffemente recouerye oꝛ otherwyse of the saied late abbottes, priours, abbesles, prioresses, oꝛ other gouernours oꝛ gouernesses of any suche monasteries, abbathyes, priories, nontries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, oꝛ other religious oꝛ ecclesiasticall houses oꝛ places, any monasteries, priories, colleges, hospitalles, manours, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, churches, chapelles, personages, tythes, pencions, poꝛcions, oꝛ other hereditamentes, shall haue and enioye the same, accoꝛdyng to suche wytynges and assurances as bene therof befoꝛe the daye of this presente parlyamente, oꝛ hereafter shall be had oꝛ made.

Csaupng to all and euery person and persones and bodyes polityke, their heires and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them other than the saied late abbottes, abbesles, priours, prioresses, and other gouernours and gouernesses and theyꝝ successours, and the successours of euery of them, and suche as pꝛetende to be founders, patrons, oꝛ donoꝛs of the saied monasteries, abbathies, priories, nontries, colleges, hospitalles and other religious oꝛ ecclesiasticall howses oꝛ places, oꝛ of any of them, oꝛ of any manoures, mesages, landes, tenementes, oꝛ other hereditamentes late belongynge to the same, oꝛ to any of theym, and theyꝝ heyyes, successours, and the heyyes and successours of euery suche founder patrone, oꝛ donour, all suche ryghte, tytyle, interest, possession, rentes, annuities, commodities, offices, fees, lyueries, and lyuynges, poꝛcions, pensions, cozrodies, synodes, pꝛories, and other pꝛofites, whiche they oꝛ any of them haue ought oꝛ moughte haue had in oꝛ to any the sayde monasteries, abbathies, priories, colleges, hospitalles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, reuercions, tithes, pensions, poꝛcions, oꝛ other hereditamentes, at any time befoꝛe any suche purchas, indentures, fines, feoffementes recoueries oꝛ other lafull meane betwene any suche parties had oꝛ made, as is abouesaid, this acte oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

And where our saied soueraygne loꝛde syth, the.iiii. daye of february, the sayde.xxvii.yere of the reygne of our sayd soueraygne loꝛde, hath opteyned and purchased as well by exchaunges as by gyftes bargaynes fynes feoffementes recoueries dedes enrolled and otherwyse of diuers and sundry persons many sundry and diuers honours castels manours landes tenementis medowes pastures woodes rentes reuerfōs seruices and other hereditamentes, and hath not only paid diuers and sundry great summes of money foꝛ the same, but also hath gyuen and graunted foꝛ the same, vnto dyuers and sundry persons dyuers & sundry manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, and other recompenses in and foꝛ full satisfaccion of all suche honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes reuerci-
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ons seruices and other his hereditamentes, by his hyghnes obteyned oꝛ had as is aboue saied. Be it therfoꝛe enacted by the auctozitee aboue saied, that our saied souerayne loꝛde the kyng, his heires and successours, shall haue holde possede and inioye all suche honours castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes as his hyghnes sythe the saied .iiii. day of february, the. xxvii. yere aboue saied, hath obteyned and had by waie of exchaunge bargayne purchase oꝛ other what so euer meane oꝛ meanes accoꝛdyng to the true meanyng and intent of his hyghnesse bargaine exchaunge oꝛ purchas, misrecitall mysnamynge oꝛ non recitall oꝛ not namynge of the saied honours castelles manours landes tenementes and oꝛther heredytamentes comprised oꝛ mencioned in the bargains oꝛ wrytyngs made betwene the kynges hyghnes and any other partie oꝛ parties: oꝛ of the towne oꝛ counties, where the said honours castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes lye and bene, oꝛ any other matter oꝛ cause what so euer it be in any wyse not withstandyng.

Saying to all and euery person and persons, and to theyꝛ heires, bodies politike and corporate, and to theyꝛ successours, and to euery of them, other than suche person and persons, and their heires and their wives, and the wyues of euery of them, bodies politike and corporate and their successours and euery of them, of whome the kynges hyghnes hath obtayned by exchange gifte bargain fine feoffement recovery dede enrolled oꝛ otherwise, any such honours castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes as is aforesaied, all suche righte tyle vse intereste possession rentes charges annuities comodities fees and other pꝛofittes, (rentes seruices and rentes seckes only except) which they oꝛ any of them haue might oꝛ ought to haue had in oꝛ to the pꝛemisses so obtained and had, oꝛ in oꝛ to any parcell thereof, yf this acte had neuer be had noꝛ made, this pꝛesente acte, oꝛ any thyng therein contened to the contrary not withstandyng.

And where it hath pleased the kynges highnes of his moſte abundante grace and goodnes, aswell vpon diuers and sundꝛy cōsideracions his maiestee specially mouyng, as also otherwise to haue bargained solde chaunged oꝛ gyuen and granted by his grācis seuerall letters patentes indentures oꝛ other wrytynges, aswell vnder his highnesse gret seale, as vnder the seale of his highnesse Duchy of Lancaster, and the seale of the office of the augmentacions of his crowne, vnto diuers and sundꝛy of his louyng and obedient subiectes, diuers and sundꝛy honours castelles manours monasteries abbathies pꝛioꝛies landes tenemētes rentes reuerciōs seruices personages appoynted aduousons libertees tithes oblacions pꝛoꝛions pensions franchises pꝛiuileges liberties and other hereditamentes comodities and pꝛofittes, in fee symple fee taylor foꝛ terme of lyfe, oꝛ foꝛ terme of yeres: foꝛ auoydinge of whiche said letters patentes and of the contentes of the same, diuers sundꝛy and many ambiguities doubtēs & questioꝛs might hereafter arise be moued and stirred, aswel foꝛ misrecitall oꝛ non recital, as foꝛ dyuers other matters thinges oꝛ causes to be alleged obiected oꝛ inuentē

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ted agaynst the saied letters, patentes, as also for lacke of findyng of offices or inquisitions, wherby the tytyle of his highnes therein ought to haue bene founde, befoze the makynge of the same letters patentes, or for misrecitall or nonrecitall of leases, as well of recozdes as not of recozde, or for lacke of the certaynfee of the values, or by reson of misnamyng of the honours castelles manours monasteries abbathies priories landes tenementes and other hereditamentes compziled and mencioned within the same letters patentes, or of the townes and countyes, where the same honours castelles manours monasteries abbathies priories landes tenementes rentes and other hereditamentes lyen & bene, as for diuers and sundrie other suggestions and surmises, whiche hereafter myght happen to be moued surmised and pzocured agaynst the same letters patentes: al be it the wordes in effect conteyned in the saied letters patentes be accoꝝdyng to the true intent and meanyng of his most royal maiestee. Be it therfoze enacted by the auctoritee of this pzesent parlyament, that as well all and euery the said letters patentes indentures or other wrytynges and euery of them, vnder the seale or seales aboue said, or of any of them, made or graunted by the kynges highnes, sythen the saied. iiii. day of february, the saied. xxviii. yere of his most noble reygne as all and syngular other his graces letters patentes indentures or other wrytynges to be had made or granted to any person or persons within thre yeres next after the makynge of this pzesent act of any honours castels manours monasteries abbathies priories noꝝes colleges hospitals houses of friers or of other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places sites circuitez pzocinctes landes tenementes personages tythes pensions poꝝions aduousons nominacions and all other hereditamentes and possessions, of what kynde nature or qualitee, soo euer they be, or by what so euer name or names they or any of them be named knowne or reputed, shall stande and be good effectuall and auayleable in the lawe of this realme to all respectes purposes constructions and intentes agaynst his maiestee his heyes and successours, without any other lycence dispensation or tollerance of the kynges hyghnesse his heyes and successours, or of any other person or persons what so euer they be, for any thyng or thynges conteyned or hereafter to be conteyned in any suche letters patentes indentures or other wrytynges: any cause consideration or thyng materiall to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

Sauyng to all and syngular persones, bodies politike and coꝝporate, theyr heyes and successours, & the heyes and successours of euery of them other then his highnesse his heyes and successours, and the saied gouernours and gouernesses and their successours donours founders and patrons afozenamed and their heyes and successours, and all other persons claymyng in theyr ryghtes or to theyr vse, or in the ryght or to thuse of any of them, all suche right title clayme interest possession reuercion remaindre offices annuities rentcharges and commons, whiche they or any of theyr haue ought or mought haue had in or to any of the saied honours castels manours

manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in the said letters patentes made, or hereafter to be made, compysed at any tyme before the makynge of the said or suche letters patentes: This act or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

And where dyuerse and sundry abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiastical gouernours and gouernesses of the said late monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiastical houses & places, haue had posseded and enioyed due and sundry personages appropriated tithes pensions and porcions, and also were acquitted and discharged of and for the payment or paymēt of tithes to be paid out or for their said monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, & other religious and ecclesiastical howses and places manours mesuages landes tenementes and hereditamentes: Be it therfore enacted by thautozitee aboue saied, that as well the kyng our souerayne lord, his heires and successours as all and euery such, person and persons, their heires and assignes, whiche haue or hereafter shal haue any monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers, or other ecclesiastical houses or places sites circuites p̄cinctes of the same, or of any of theym, or any manours mesuages, personages appropriate, tithes, pensions porcions, or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, whiche belonged or apperteyned, or whiche nowe belonge or appertayne vnto the said monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers, or other religious & ecclesiastical houses or places, or vnto any of them, shal haue hold receyue kepe and enioy as well the said personages appropriate tithes pensions and porcions as the said monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places sites circuites p̄cinctes manours meases landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, and euery of theym, accordyng to their estates and titles, discharged and acquieted of payement of tithes as freely and in as large and ample maner as the said late abbottes priours abbesses prioresses and other ecclesiastical gouernours and gouernesses, or any of them hadde helde occupied, posseded, vled, receyued or enioyed the same, or any parcell thereof at the daies of their dissolucion suppression renuncyng relinquisshyng forsaytyng geyuyng by or comyng to the kynges highnes of suche monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical houses or places, or at the daie of the dissolucion suppressyon renuncyng relinquisshyng geyuyng by or comyng to the kynges highnes of any of them, this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

Sauyng to the kynges highnes his heires and successours all and all maner of rentes seruises and other duties, what so euer they be, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

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And be it further enacted by auctoritee of this present parlyament, that suche of the saied late monasteries abbathies prioeries nonries colledges hospytals houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and all churches and chapels, to theym or any of theym belonging, which befoze the dissolucion suppressyon renouncyng relinquishyng forsaityng giuyng vp or comyng vnto the kynges highnes, were exempted from the visitacion or visitacions, and all other iurisdiction of thordinary or ordinarie, within whose diocesse they were situate or sette, shall from henceforth be within the iurisdiction and visitacion of the ordynary or ordinarie, within whose diocesse they or any of them be sytuate and set, or within the iurisdiction and visitacion of suche person or persones, as by the kynges hyghnes shalbe limited or appoynted: This acte or any other exemption libertee or iurisdiction to the contrary not withstandyng.

And where befoze this tyme it hath pleased the kynges maiestee, at the contemplacion and humble pcticion of the ryght noble Thomas duke of Norff. to gyue his royall assent of lycence by his graces worde, without any maner of letters patentes or other wrytyng, to purchase and receyue to hym & to his heyres for euer, of wylliam Flatbery, late abbot of the monastery of Sipton, in the countie of Suff. and couent of the same late monastery now beying dissolued, all the same monastery togyther, with all and syngular manours, lordeshippes, landes, tenementes, woodes, waters commons courtes letes aduousons patronages personages bycargages chauntries free chapels tithes porcions of tythes pencions annuities rentes suites seruices reuercions remaindres, and all other thynges, whiche were the hereditamentes or the possessyons of the saied late monastery, where so euer they laye or were within the realme of Englande. And in likewyse oure saied soueraygne lord, gaue lyke lycence by his graces worde vnto the ryghte honourable George lord Cobham, to pourchase and receyue to hym & to his heyres for euer, of the late master and byethern of the colledge or chauntry of Cobham, in the countie of Kente, now beying vtterly dissolued, the syte of the same colledge or chauntry, and all and syngular theyr hereditamentes and possessions, as well tempozall as ecclesiastical, where so euer they lay or weare within the realme of Englad. Be it therfoze enacted by thauctoritee of this present parliament, that the acte aboue wrytten, or any thyng therin conteyned, shall not be in anye wyse preiudiciall or hurtefull to the saied Duke, and lord Cobham, or to eyther of them, or to the heyres or assygnes of eyther of them: but that the same duke and lord Cobham, and either of them sondrily, and the heires & assygnes of either of them, shall and may haue hold receiue and enioye the premisses by them sondrily purchased or receyued, accordyng to the purpotes and effectes of such evidences wrytynges & conueiances, as they or any of them sondrily haue caused to be deuised and made to theym, or to theyr vses for the same. Sauyng alwaye and reseruyng to all and syngular persons and bodies politike, and to their heyres & successours, other than the

the saied late abbotte and couent, and their successours, and the saied late maister and betherne, and theyr successours, and the founders of the same monasterie, or of the saied colege or chauntre, and the heires of either of them, and all donours, graunters, or augmenters of theim, or of eyther of them, and the heires and assignes of eyther of them, all such ryghtes titles possessions rentes seruices fees offices annuities cozrodies lyueries leases & al other their such interestes pofites & comodities, as they or any of them had shulde or ought to haue, of to or in any of the premises sundryly purchased or receiued by the saied duke or lord Cobham, if this present acte had neuer bin had or made, any thyng in the same acte to the contrary beyng in any wyse not withstandyng,

AN ACTE FOR ABOLISHYNGE OF
DIVERSITIE OF OPINIONS IN CERTAINE
ARTICLES CONCERNINGE CHRIS-
TEN RELIGION.

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HERE THE KINGS MOST excellent matchlesse is by goddes law supreme head immediatly vnder him of this hole church and congregacion of England, intendyng the conseruacion of the same church and congregacion in a true syncere and vniuforme doctrine of Christes religion, calling also to his blessed and most gracious remembrance, as well the great and quiet assurance, prosperous increace, and other innumerable commodities, whiche haue euer insued come and folowed of Concorde agreement and vnitie in opinions, as also the manyfolde perils daungers and inconueniences, whiche haue heretofore in many places and regyons, especially of matters of Christen religion: And therfore desirynge, that suche an vnitie myght and shoulde bee charitably established in all thynges touchyng and concernyng the same, as the same so beyng establisshed myghte chiefly bee to the honour of almyghtie God, the veray authour and fountaine of all true vnitie and syncer concord, and consequently redounde to the common welthe of this his hyghnes moste noble realme, and of all his lough subiectes, and other resyauntes and inhabytauntes of or in the same: hath therfore caused and commaunded this his mooste hyghe courte of Parlyamente, for sundry and many vrgente causes and consyderacions, to bee at this tyme summoned, and alsoo a Synode and conuocation of all the archebyschoppes, byschoppes, and other lerned men of the clergy of this his realme, to be in like maner assembled.

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And for as muche as in the saied parliamente Synode and conuocation there were certeyn articles matters and questions proponed and set forth, touchyng Chyisten religion, that is to saie. **Fyrste** whether in the moste blessed Sacrament of thalter remaineth after the consecracion, the substance of bzeade and wyne, or no. **Secondely**, whether it be necessary by goddis lawe, that all men shoulde be communicate with bothe kyndes or no. **Thirdely**, whether priestes, that is to saie men dedicate to God by priesthode, may by the lawe of God, marie after, or no. **Fourthely**, whether bowe of chastitie or wydowhed, made to God aduisedly by man or woman, be by the lawe of God to be obserued, or no. **Fiftely**, whether priuate Masses stande with the lawe of God, and be to be vsed and continued in the church and congregacion of Englande, as thynges, wherby good ch. i. sten people maie and do receyue bothe godly consolacion, and holssome benefytes, or no. **Sixtly**, whether Auricular confession is necessary to be retained, continued, vsed, and frequented in the churche, or no. The kyn- ges most royall maiestie, moste prudently ponderynge and considerynge, that by occasion of variable and sundry opinions and iudgementes of the saied articles, great disorde and variaunce hath arisen, as well amonge the clergy of this his realme, as amongst a great number of the bulgar people, his lounyng subiectes of the same: And beyng in a full hope and trust, that a full and perfecte resolucion of the saied articles, shulde make a perfecte conorde and vnitee generally amonges all his lounyng and obedi- ent subiectes, of his moste excellent goodnes not onely commaunded, that the saied articles shulde deliberately and aduisedly, by his saied archbis- hops, byshops, and other lerned men of his clergy, be debated, argued, and reasoned, and their opinions therein to be vnderstande declared & kno- wen, but also moste graciously bouchsaued: in his owne princely persone, to discende and come into his saied highe courte of Parliament and coun- cell, and there lyke a prince of moste hygh prudence, and no lesse lernynge, opened and declared many thynges of high lernyng and great knowlege, touchyng the saied articles matters and questions for an vnitee to be had in the same. Wherupon after a great and longe deliberate and aduised di- sputation and consultacion had and made, concernyng the saied articles, as well by the consent of the kynges hyghnesse, as by thassent of the Loz- des spirituall and tempozall, and other lerned men of his clergy in theyr conuocation, and by the consent of the comons in this present parliament assembled, it was and is fynally resolued accozded and agreed in maner & fourme folowynge. That is to saie. **F**irst, that in the moste blessed Sacrament of the altare, by the strength and efficacy of Chyistes myghty worde (it beyng spoken by the priest) is present really vnder the forme of bzead & wine, the naturall body & bloud of our sauour Jesu Chyiste, con- ceiued of the virgen Mary: And that after the consecracion there remaie- neth no substance of bzeade or wyne, nor any other substance, but the sub- stance of Chyiste, God and man.

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Secondly, that communion in both kindes, is not necessary Ad salutem, by the law of God to al persōs, And that it is to be beleued and not doubted of, but that in the fleshe, vnder fourme of bred, is the very bloud : and with the bloude, vnder fourme of wyne, is the very fleshe aswell aparte, as though they were both togither.

Thirdely that priestes, after the order of priesthode receyued, as afore, maie not mary by the lawe of God.

Fourthly, that bowes of chastitee or wydowheade, by man or woman, made to God aduisedly, ought to be obserued by the lawe of God: and that it exempteth them frome other liberties of Chyristen people, whiche without that they myght enioye.

Fyftely, that it is mete and necessary, that priuate Masses be continued and admitted in this the kynges Englyshe churche and congregation, as wherby good Chyristen people, orderynge theym selves accoꝝdyngly, do receyue both godly and goodly consolacions and benefytes : and it is agreable also to goddes lawe.

Sixtly, that Auricular confession is expedient and necessary to be retayne and continued vled and frequented in the church of God. For the whiche most godly study peyne and trauayle of his maiestee, and determinacion and resolution of the pꝛemisses, his moste humble & obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempoꝝall, and the commons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, not onely rendꝛe and gyue vnto his highnes their moste hygh and hartly thanks, and thinke them selves most bounden, to pꝛaie for the longe continuance of his graces most royall estate, but also beyng desyꝛous, that his moste godly interpryse maie be well accomplyshed and bꝛought to a full ende and perfeccion, and so establyshed, that the same myght be to the honour of god, and after to the common quiete vnitie and concoꝝd to be had in the hole body of this realme for euer. Most humbly be sechen his royall maiestee, that the resolution and determinacion aboue wꝛitten of the saied articles, maie be establyshed and perpetually perfyted by auctozitee of this pꝛesent parliament. It is therfoꝛe ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempoꝝall, and the commons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that yf any person or persons within this realme of Englande, or any other the kynges dominiōs, after the .xii. daye of July nexte comynge, by woꝛde, wꝛytyng, impꝛintynge, cisyng, or in any other wyse, do publyshe, pꝛeache, teache, say, afferme, declare, dispute, argue, or holde any opinion, that in the blessed Sacrament of the altare, vnder fourme of bred and wine (after the consecracion therof) there is not pꝛesent, really, the naturally body & bloude of our sauour Iesu Chyrist, conceived of the virgyn Marie or that after the sayd consecracion, there remayneth any substance of bread or wyne or any other substance, but the substance of Chyrist: God and man. Or after the tyme aboue saied, publyshe, pꝛeache, teache, saye, afferme, declare, dispute, argue, or holde opinion, that in the fleshe,

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vnder fourme of bzed, is not the very bloud of Chyriste. Or that with the bloude, vnder the fourme of wine, is not þe very fleshe of Chyriste aswell a parte as though they were both together. Or by any of the meanes aboue saied, or otherwyle, preache, teache, declare, or asserme the saied Sacrament to be of other substance, than is aboue saied, or by any meane contempne depzaue or dispise the saied blessed Sacramente: that then euery suche person and persons, so offendyng, theyr aidours, conforters counsaylours, consentours, and abbettours, therein, beyng thereof conuicted in fourme vnder wyitten, by the auctoritee aboue saied, shalbe demed and adiudged heretikes. And that euery suche offence, shalbe adiudged manifeste herely. And that euery suche offendour and offendours, shal therfoze haue and suffre iudgementes execucion peine and peynes of deth, by way of buryng without any abiuracion clergy of sepntuary, to be therfoze permitted had allowed admitted, or suffered. And also shal therfoze forfayte and lese to the kynges highenes, his heires and successours, all his or their honours, manours, castelles, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, possessions, and all other his or their hereditamentes goodes and catals, termes and freholdes, what so euer they be, which any suche offender or offenders shal haue at the tyme of any suche offence or offences, committed or done, or at any tyme after, as in any cases of highe treason.

¶ And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritee of this present parlyament, that yf any person or persons, after the sayd. xii. day of July, preache in any sermion or collacion, openly made to the kynges people: or teache in any common schole, or to other congregacion of people: or beyng called befoze suche iudges, and accor dyng to suche fourme of the lawe, as hereafter shalbe declared, do obstinately asserme, vpholde, maynteyne, or defende: that the communion of the saied blessed Sacrament in bothe kyndes, that is to saie, in fourme of bzed and also of wyne, is necessary for the helthe of mans soule, to be geuen or ministred, or ought or shulde be gyuen or ministred to any person in bothe kyndes. Or that it is necessary so to be receyued or taken by any person (other than by priestes beyng at Masse, and consecratyng the same) Or that any man, after the order of priesthode receyued (as afoze saied) may mary, or maie contracte matrimonye. Or that any man or woman, which aduisedly hath vowed, or professed, or shal bowe or professe chastitie or wydowhed, maie mary, or maie contract matrimony. Or that priuate Masses be not lawfull, or not laudable, or shuld not be celebrated had nor vled in this realme, nor be not agreable to the lawes of God. Or that auricular confession is not expedient and necessarye to be retepned and continued, vled & frequented in the churche of God. Or if any priest, after the saied. xii. day of July, or any other man or woman, whiche aduisedly hath vowed, or after the saied daie aduisedly do bowe chastitee or widowhed, do actually mary or contracte matrimony with any person, that then all and euery person and persons, so preaching, teaching, obstinately assermyng, vpholdyng, maynteinyng, or defendyng, or making

kynges maryage or contract of matrimony, as is aboue especified, be and shalbe, by auctoritee aboue wryten, demed and iudged a felon and felons. And that euery offender in the same, beyng therfore duly conuicted or attepnted by the lawes vnder wryten, shall therfore suffre peynes of deth, as in cases of felony, without any benefite of clergy, or priuilege of church or saynctuary, to him or her to be allowed in that behalfe. And shall forseyte all his or her landes and goodes, as in cases of felony. And that it shall be lawfull to the patrone or patrones of any maner of benefice, which any suche offendour at the tyme of his saied conuiction or attepnder had, to present one other incumbent therunto, as yf the same person, so conuicted or attepnted, had bene bodily decessed.

¶ Also be it enacted, by the auctoritee afoze saied, that if any persone or persones, after the said. xii. daie of July, by woꝛde, wrytyng, pryncyng, cyphrynge, or otherwyle than is aboue reherled, publysh the declare or holde opinion, that the saied communion of the blessed Sacrament, in both kyndes afoze saied, is necessary for the helth of mans soule to be gyuen or mynistred in both kyndes, and so ought or shulde be gyuen and mynistred to any person, or ought or shoulde be so in bothe kyndes receyued or taken by any person, other than by priestes beyng at Masse, and consecratyng the same, as is afoze saied. Or that any man, after the order of priesthode receyued, as is afoze saied, maie marye, or may make contract of matrimony. Or that any man or woman, which aduisedly hath made or shall make a vowe to God of chastitee or wydowhed, maie marye, or maie make contract of matrimony. Or that priuate Masses, be not lawfull or not laudable, or shulde not be celebrated had nor vsed, nor be agreable to the lawes of God. Or that Auricular confession is not expediente and necessary to be reteyned and continued, vsed and frequented in the church of God: euery person, beyng for any suche offence dewely conuicted or attepnted by the lawes vnder wryten, shal forsaite and lose to the kyng our soueraigne lord, all his goodes and cattalles for euer, and also the pꝛofites of al his landes tenementes annuities fees and offices durynge his life, and all his benefices & spirituall pꝛomocions shall be vtterly boyd: And also shall suffre imprisonment of his body at the wyl and pleasure of our saied soueraygne lord the kyng. And if any suche person or persons, beyng ones conuict of any the offences mencioned in this article, as is aboue saied, do afterwarde eftsones offende in any of the same, and be therof accused indited or presented and conuict againe by auctoritee of the lawes vnder wryten: that then euery suche person and persons, so beyng twyle conuict and attepnted of the saied offences, or of any of them, shall be adiudged a felon and felons, and shall suffre iudgement execucion and peynes of deathe, losse and forsayture of landes and goodes, as in cases of felony, without any priuilege of clergy or seynctuary to be in any wise permitted admitted or allowed in that behalfe.

¶ Be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aboue saied, that if any person,

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which is or hath bene a priest befoze this present parliament, or during the time of session of the same hath married, and hath made any contract of matrimony with any woman, or that any man or woman, whiche befoze the making of this acte, aduisedly hath vowed chastitie or widowheade, befoze this present parliament, or duryng the session of the same, hath married or contracte matrimony with any person: that than euery suche marriage and contracte of matrimony shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect: And that the ordinarie, within whose diocesse or iurisdiccions the person or persones so married or contracted, is or be resident or abydyng, shall frome tyme to tyme make separacion and deuorces of the saied marriages and contractes.

And further it is enacted by the auctoritee abouesaid, that yf any man, which is or hath bene priest, as is aforesaid, at any tyme from or after the saied. xii. date of July next comyng, do carnally kepe or vse any woman, to whom he is or hath bene married, or with whom he hath contracted matrimony, or openly be conuersant, kepe company and familiaritie with any suche woman, to the euill example of other persons: euery suche carnal vse copulacion open conuersacion keepyng of company and familiarite, be and shalbe demed and adiuged felony, as well against the man as the woman, and that euery suche person so offendyng, shalbe enquired of, tried, punished suffre lose and forfait al and euery thyng and thinges as other felons made and declared by this act, and as in case of felony as is aforesaid.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid (not giuyng advantage or detriment to any article afoze reherfed) that yf any man, which is or hath bene priest, or hereafter shalbe, at any tyme after the sayd. xii. day of July, do carnally vse and accustome any woman, or kepe her as his concubine, as by payenge for hir bourde, mainteinyng her with money array or any other gyftes or meanes, to the euill example of other persons: that than euery such offender beyng therof duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes mencioned in this acte, shal forfait and lose all his goodes and cattalles, benefices, prebendes, and other spirituall promociōs and dignities, and also shall haue and suffre imprisonment of his body at the kynges wil and pleasure. And that euery of the saied benefices prebendes and other promotions and dignities shalbe to all intentes and purposes vtterly voyde, as if the saied offendour had resigned or perimuted. And if any such offender or offenders at any tyme after the saied conuiccion or attaynder, eschones committe do or perpetrate the saied offences, or any of them, next afoze reherfed, and be therof duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes aforesaid: that than all and euery suche offence and offences shal be demed and adiuged felony: and the offender or offenders therein shall suffre peynes of death, and loose and forfeite all his and theyr goodes, landes, and tenementes, as in cases of felony, without hauyng any benefyte of clergye or sanctuary.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that those women, with

with whome all and syngular of the foresaied priestes shall in any of the foresaied wayes haue to do with, or carnally knowe, as is aforesaid, shall haue lyke punishment as the priestes.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritee abouesaied, that yf any person or persones, at any tyme hereafter, contempne or contemptuously, refuse deny or absteyne to be confessed at the tyme commonly accustomed within this realme and churche of Englande, or contempte or contemtuously refuse deny or absteyne to receiue the holy and blessed sacramēt abouesaied, at the tyme commonly bled and accustomed for the same: that than euery suche offender, beyng therof duely conuicted or attainted by the lawes vnder wryten, shall suffre suche imprisonment, and make suche fyne and ransome to the kynge our souerayne lord and his heires, as by his highenes, or by his or their councel shalbe ordered and adiudged in that behalfe. And yf any suche offender or offenders, at any tyme or tymes after the saied conuiccion or atteinder so had, do esteemes contempne, or contemptuously refuse deny or absteyne to be confessed, or to be communicate in maner and fourme aboue wrytten, and be therof duely conuicted or attainted by the lawes vnder wrytten: that than euery suche offence shall be demed and adiudged felony, and the offendour or offendours therein shall suffre paynes of dethe, and lose and forfait all his and their goodes landes and tenementes as in cases of felony.

And for full and effectuell execution of the premises befoze deuised, ordeyned and enacted by this acte. Be it furthermore enacted by the auctoritee of this present parliament, that immediatly after the saied. xii. date of July next comyng, sundry commissions shall be made, from tyme to tyme, in to euery shire of this realme, and wales, and in and to suche other places within the kynges dominions, as shall please his maiestie, to be directed to the archebysshop or byshop of the diocesse, and to his chauncellour or commissary, and to suche other persons, as shalbe named by his highnes, or by suche other as his maiesty at his pleasure shall appoynt to name the same: whiche archebysshop or byshop, his chauncellour or commissary, and other persons so to be named, or thre of them at the least, wherof the archebysshop or byshop, or his chauncellour or commissary to be one, shall holde and kepe their sessions within the lymttes of their commission foure seuerall tymes of the yere at the leaste, or oftener, if they shall thynke it expediente by theyr discretions, and shall haue power and auctoritee, by vertue of this act, and their saied commission, as wel to take informacion and accusacion by the othes and depoficions of two able and laful persons at the least, as to enquire by the othes of. xii. men, of all and singular the heresies, felonies contempnes, and other offences aboue wrytten, committed done or perpetrate within the lymttes of their commission. And that euery such accusacion, & informacion cōteining the matter names surnames & dwelling places of the offenders, & the day yere place and countie whan and wherin their offences were comitted, shalbe of as good force & effecte in the lawe, as if the matter

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therin contepned had bene presented by verдите of .xii. men.

And neuerthelesse it is further enacted, that euery of the saied archebys-
shops and bisshops, and euery of their chauncellours commissaries arche-
diacons and other ordinarie, haupng any peculiar ecclesiasticall iurisdic-
tion within this realme oꝛ in wales, oꝛ in any other the kynges domini-
ons, shall haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this acte, as well to
enquere in their visitacions and Senis as there & els where within their
iurisdiccions, at any other tyme oꝛ place, to take accusacions and infor-
macions, as is aforesaid, of the heresies felonies contemptes and offences
aboue mencioned, done committed oꝛ perpetrate within the lymittes of
their iurisdiction & auctoritees. And that euery suche accusacions infor-
macion and presentment, so taken oꝛ had as is aforesaid, shall be of as
good force and effect, as if the matier therein contepned, had bene presen-
ted befoze the iustices of peace in their sessions. And alsoo that iustices of
peace in their sessions, and euery stwarde vnderstewerd and deputie of the
ward, of any lete oꝛ lawedaye, in their lete oꝛ lawdays shall haue lyke po-
wer and auctoritee by vertu of this act, to enquite by the othes of .xii. law-
full men, of al and singular the heresies felonies contemptes and other of-
fences aboue wyitten done perpetrate oꝛ committed within the lymittes of
their commissions and authorities.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that euery suche per-
sone oꝛ persones afoze whome any presentement infor-
macion oꝛ accusacion shall be made & taken, as is aforesayde, shall examine the accusours,
what other wytnes were by and presente at þe tyme of doyng and commit-
tyng of the offence, whereof the infor-
macion accusacion oꝛ presentement
shall be made: and howe manye other than the accusours haue knoweledge
therof. And shall haue power and auctoritee to bynde by recognisaunce: to
be taken afoze them, as well þe saied accusours, as all suche other persons,
whome the same accusours shall declare to haue knowlege of the offences
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med, euery of them in. v. li. to the kyng our
soueraygne lord, to appeare befoze the commissioners, afoze whome the
offendour oꝛ offendours shall be tried, at the daye of the triall of suche offen-
dours. And that al and singular indite-
mentes presentmentes accusacions
infor-
macions and recognisaunces, taken and had as is aforesaid, with-
in .xx. dayes next after the takyng of the same, shall be certified in due forme
by wytyng vpon parchement, by the taker oꝛ takers thereof, vnder his oꝛ
their seales vnto any one of the sayd commissioners to be appoynted as is
aforesaid within the lymittes of whose commission, the heresies felonny-
es contemptes and offences, whereof any suche presentment indite-
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macion oꝛ accusacion shall be taken oꝛ had, as is aboue wyitten, shall
be committed done and perpetrat. And if any person oꝛ persōs, which here-
after shall happen to take any suche accusacion infor-
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oꝛ recognisaunces as is abouesaid, do make defalte of the certificat ther-
of, contrary to the fourme aboue reherseb: that than euery person and per-
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sons so offendynge, shall forsaite to our soueraygne lord the kynge for every suche defaulte. r. li.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aboue saied, that the saied commissioners, or thye of them at the leaste, as is aforesaid, by vertue of this act and their commission, shall haue full power and auctoritee, to make lyke p[ro]cesse agaynst euery person or persones, indited p[re]sented or accused, in forme as is aboue remembred, as is vsed & accustomed in cases of felony, & that as well within the limittes of their commission, as in to all other shires and places of the realme Wales and other the kynges dominions, as well within lyberties as without: and the same p[ro]cesse to be good and effectuell in the lawe as in cases of felony: And vpon the apparance of any of the offendours, shall haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this acte, and the saied commission, to here and determyne the foresaid heresies felonies contemptes and other offences, acco[rd]ynge to the lawes of of this realme, and the effectes of this acte.

¶ And it is also enacted, by the auctoritee aboue saied that euery of the saied commissioners, vpon any suche accusation p[re]sentment or informacion, shall endeouour hym selfe effectually, without affection dyed or corrupcion to app[re]hende & take the offendours: & after the app[re]hencion of any suche offender or offenders, shall haue full power and auctoritee to commit them to warde. And that the saied commissioners, or two of them at the leaste, shall haue full power and auctoritee, to let any person or persons so accused or p[re]sented, vpon sufficient sureties by their discrecions, to haile, for their apparaunce to be tried acco[rd]yng to the tenour fourme and effect of this acte.

¶ And further it is enacted by the auctoritee aboue saied, that if any persone or persones, which hereafter shall be named and assigned, to be commissioner or commissioners, as is aboue saied, be accused, indited, or p[re]sented of or for any the offences aboue w[ri]tten, that than all and euery suche commissioner or commissioners, so accused indited and p[re]sented, shall be examined, put to answere, and tried of and vpon any such offence, acco[rd]ing to the tenour and effecte of this acte, befoze such other person or persons, as it shall please the kynges highnes to name assig[ne] and appoynt by his graces commission, to here and determyne the same.

¶ And it is further enacted, by the auctoritee abouesaid, that no persone nor persons, which at any tyme hereafter, shall be accused indited or p[re]sented, as is abouesaid, shall be admitted to the chalenge of any person or persones, which shall be empanelled for the triall of his or theyr offence for any matter or cause, other than for malice or enmitie, which chalenge shall forthwith be tried in lyke maner as other chalenges be vsed to be tried in cases of felony.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aboue saied, that all foryeine p[le]es, triable by the countrey, which at any tyme hereafter shall be pleaded by any person or persons hereafter to be arrayned or put to answere vpon any

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any accusation inditement or presentment, of or for any of the offences above specified, or of or for any of them: shalbe tried before the same commissioners, afore whome such person or persons shalbe arrayned or put to answer, and by the iurours that shall trie the said offence or offences, without any further respecte or delay.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee abovesaid, that all mayres sheryffes stewardes bailiffes of lybertees, gaolers, and other officers and ministers, of what name degree or condicion so ever they bee, and euery of them shall from time to time truely and diligently receiue and serue al & al maner the proces preceptes and commandementes to them or any of them by the said commissioners or any of them to be made gyven or dyrected, touchyng or concernyng the premisses, or any parcell therof, and shall also from tyme to tyme be obedient and attendaunte vnto the said commissioners for the tyme beyng, for the due execution of this present acte, or of any thyng therein conteyned.

¶ And it is also enacted, that euery persone, whiche shall be named to bee commissioner in the said commission, after that he hath knowledge therof, shall effectually put his diligence and attendance in and about the execution of the said commission: And before that he shall take vppon hym the execution of the same commission, shall take a corporalle othe before the lord Chauncelloure of Englande for the tyme beyng, or before hym or them, to whome, the said lord Chauncellour shall directe the kynges writ of *Dedimus potestatem*, to take the same. The tenour of which othe hereafter enseweth.

¶ Ye shall swere, that ye to your cunnyng wytte and power shall truely and indifferently execute the auctoritee to you giuen by the kynges commission, made for correction of heretikes and other offenders, mencioned in the same commission, without any fauour affection corrupcion dyed or mallice to be borne to any person or persons, as God you helpe, and al saintes.

¶ And in case that any of the said persones named to bee commissioners refuse to take the said othe, or willyngly absent or aloigne hym selfe from the takynge of the said othe: than euery suche persone so offendyng, and the same offence extreted or certified into the kynges eschequer by the said lord chauncellour, or by hym or them, to whome any suche writte of *Dedimus potestatem*, as is aforesaid, shal be directed, shal forfeite and lose to our said soueraigne lord the kyng, for euery tyme so offendynge, fyue markes of lafull money.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritee abovesaid, that the said commissioners and euery of theym shall from tyme to tyme haue fulle power and auctoritee, by vertue of this act, to take in to his or their keepyng and possession, all and all maner of booke, whiche bene and hath bene or hereafter shalbe set forth redde or declared within this realme, or other the kynges dominions, wherin is or bene conteyned or comprised any clause article matter or sentence, repugnant or contrary to the tenour forme or effecte of this present

present acte, or any of the articles conteyned in the same: And the said commissioners, or thre of them at the least, to bourn or otherwys destroy the saied booke or any parte of them, as vnto the saied commissioners, or vnto thre of them at the least, shalbe thought expedient by their discrecions.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritee abovesaid, that euery person vicar curate or parish priest of euery parische church within this realme, or other the kynges dominions or his or their deputy, vpon the sonday next after the first day of September next ensuyng, and so from thensforth ones in euery quarter of the yere at the least, shal openly playnly and distinctly rede this present acte in the parische church, where he is person vicar curate paryshe priest or deputy, vnto his or theyr paryshe than assembled together, to here diuine seruice. And that euery suche persone vicar curate or parische priest, makynge defaulte of redyng this acte, contrary to the fourme aforesaid, shal forfeite vnto our saied soueraygne lord, his heires or successours, for euery suche defaulte, *xl. s.* sterlyng. Sauyng to all and syn-gular person and persons, bodies polityke and corporate, their heyres and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them, (other than all and syn-gular suche person and persons, that shalbe hereafter conuicted or atteynted of or for any of the offences or contēptes aboue specified, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them) all such ryght tytle clayme interest entre possession rentes reuercions fees annuities commons offices profits and demaundes what so euer, as they or any of them haue, or than at the tyme of the saied conuiction or atteinder had shal haue of in or to any honours castels lordships manours landes tenementes liberties franchises aduousons & other hereditamentes, whiche any suche person or persons, beyng so conuicted or atteinted, as is aforesaid, had or were intituled to haue at the tyme of their offence or offences committed, or at any tyme after: and that in as ample maner fourme and condicion, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if this act hadde neuer be had nor made, any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstaundyng.

Provided alwaye, that the lordes shal not haue ne clayme anye esche-tes of any offendour or offendours, that shalbe iudged to be burned by auctoritee of this acte.

And because dispucions and doubtes mighte perhappes ryse here after vpon these wordes in this act, that is to saie, Aduisedly made to God, Be it therfore provided and enacted, by auctoritee aforesaid, that these wordes in the acte, that is to saie, Aduisedly made to God, for bowes of chastitee or wydowhed, shalbe al onely taken expounded & interpreted, to bynde suche person or persons, and none other (sauyng priestes) to & by the same, which at the tyme of any of their so bowyng (beyng thereto admitted) were or shalbe of the age of .xxi. yeres or aboue, and then dyd or do consent submit theym selfe or condiscende to the same, and continewe or continued in ob-ser-

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ny of them foꝝ makyng of any suche boꝛwe.

God saue the kyng.

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